

Hafa Adai!

Saipan Tribune

THE CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Volume XXII, Issue No. 245

MONDAY OCTOBER 15, 2012

www.saipantribune.com 50¢

Visit us online @
www.
**saipan
tribune.com**

POLL RESULTS

Who do you believe is telling the truth on the \$190-million power purchase agreement, Gov. Benigno Fitial or CUC chief Alan Fletcher?

Benigno R. Fitial	45
Alan Fletcher	216
Both	7
Neither	56
No opinion	11

Sunday, October 14, 2012

INSIDE

NATION



Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan went back to school on Saturday to rally college students in Ohio.

➤ **PAGE 13**

WORLD



Turkey's prime minister sharply criticized the U.N. Security Council for its failure to end Syria's civil war.

➤ **PAGE 14**

LIFE&STYLE



Weapons charges against a ex-fire-fighter who was arrested outside Madonna's apartment building has been dismissed.

➤ **PAGE 18**

4 Swift Air executives move to dismiss Saipan Air's \$50M lawsuit. PAGE 2
PSS to charge election body for facility use during polls. PAGE 5

OPA probe sought on MOA, \$3.85M land deal

By **HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**
haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

A local business firm granted access to public land free of charge in exchange for a renewable energy project under a 2011 memorandum of agreement with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the Department of Public Lands assigned its rights in the MOA to a California-based investor for \$3.85 million a month later, something that Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan) finds “disturbing” and one that needs Office of the Public Auditor audit.

Maratita requested Public Auditor Mike Pai last week to audit the MOA between Eco Island Development LLC, former DPL secretary Oscar M. Babauta and Fitial to determine, among other things, whether the agreement is a “legal and binding document” and “whether the MOA may be assigned.”

The lawmaker also wanted to know the legality of such \$3.85-million assignment, “whether the parties violated any Commonwealth law by executing the MOA

Auditor



Maratita

and assignment, and any other deficiency, if any, that may be determined.”

Herman Sablan, vice president of Eco Island Development, said they backed off from a “profit-sharing program” with DPL and the governor. He said this is because their California-based partner, American Capital Energy Co., decided to respond to a request for proposal instead.

But Maratita said yesterday this statement about backing out from

See OPA on Page 4

Dora's wish to become a princess for a day comes true

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**
clarissa_david@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Like any young girl, Dora Grace Ada Camacho has a penchant for Cinderella and other princesses and hopes to have a party thrown for her one day.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam, which grants the wishes of children from Guam and the Northern Marianas with life-threatening medical conditions, helped fulfill this wish last Saturday.

Executive director Victor Camacho, board chair Joyce Crisostomo, and two volunteers flew to Saipan amid a heavy downpour to throw a Cinderella-themed party for the 8-year-old girl paralyzed from the neck down and has been in the hospital for several months.

See DORA on Page 4



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Executive director Victor Camacho of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam, right, presents the portable DVD player and the Cinderella DVD to Dora Grace Ada Camacho, the 8-year-old girl paralyzed from the neck down, on Saturday morning. The foundation, which grants the wishes of medically eligible children from Guam and the Northern Marianas, granted Camacho's wish to have a Cinderella-themed party.

‘Proposed hospital fees significantly higher than Guam, other states’

» **Healthcare Corp. urged to consider 20 percent across-the-board hike**
» **50 percent discount for insurance firms also requested**

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s proposed emergency regulation that would adjust the fees at the public hospital

RELATED NEWS

➤ **Guam Gov. Calvo, key hospital execs tour CHC. PAGE 3**

was described by the local health insurance company as significantly higher than what is being charged in Guam hospitals and other medical facilities in several

U.S. states.

NetCare Life & Insurance plan administrator Jerry Crisostomo indicated this to corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta in a recent letter, which also served as the company's comment on

See HOSPITAL on Page 4

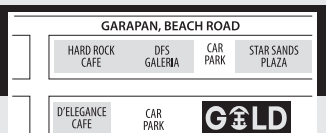
VISIT YTT **GOLD** Jewelry TODAY
元通金行



Exchange your unwanted, damage, outdated and worn gold for **CASH!**

- Bring any GOLD items to our store in Garapan
- Our Consultants will test and value you GOLD items
- We will give you CASH on the spot!

Tel. No.: 233-2368 | Business Hours: 10:00am - 8:00pm | Sunday Closed
Located behind Duty Free and Star Sands Plaza



Local

4 Swift Air executives move to dismiss Saipan Air \$50M lawsuit

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Four executives of Swift Air LLC, the supposed partner of Saipan Air Inc., filed on Friday a motion to dismiss Saipan Air's \$50-million racketeering lawsuit against them.

Defendants Donald A. Stukes, Jeffrey Conry, Hank Tobert, and Boris Van Lier, through counsel Michael A. White, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to dismiss the complaint for

lack of personal jurisdiction.

White asserted that defendants lack sufficient minimum contacts with the CNMI to allow the court to exercise personal jurisdiction over them.

"Alternatively, even if defendants' contacts with the CNMI are determined to be sufficient to allow for personal jurisdiction, jurisdiction in this case is unreasonable," White said.

The defendants, however, admitted in their motion that they received from Saipan Air \$1,276,000 in write transfers "in order to ensure Saipan Air's operational timeline."

Saipan Tribune saw only the declarations of Stukes, Van Lier, and Conry that were filed in support of the motion to dismiss.

According to the declarations, Stukes is a resident of the State of New York; Van Lier is a citizen of the Netherlands and currently residing in the State of North Carolina; while Conry is a resident of the State of North Carolina.

Stukes said he is not an owner or employee of Swift Air LLC, while Van Lier and Conry admitted they are employees of Swift Air.

Stukes, Van Lier, and Conry stated that at no times did they misappropriate funds from Saipan Air for their personal benefit.

The three also stated that prior to Swift Air LLC's bankruptcy filing in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona, they did not receive bonus payment from Swift Air.

They said this can be con-

firmed by audits of Swift Air performed in connection with the bankruptcy proceeding.

The defendants said because they live in the U.S. mainland and have no ties to the CNMI, it would be an extreme burden on them personally, professionally, and financially to be defendants in this litigation in a forum more than 7,000 miles away from where they live.

White said the \$1.3 million that the defendants received from Saipan Air were used to purchase materials, training, and services necessary for Swift to perform under their agreement with Saipan Air.

White said at no times were these funds misappropriated for defendants' personal benefit.

White said as a result of Swift Air's changed financial position and its inability to secure bridge loan funding from Saipan Air, Swift could not perform under the agreement and terminated the agreement.

Saipan Air was compelled to cease all of its business operations on June 29, 2012.

In its amended complaint, Saipan Air is suing the defendants for allegedly conspiring to obtain money and other property from the plaintiff.

Saipan Air, through counsel Steven Pixley, asked the federal court to hold the defendants liable to pay the company \$50 million in punitive damages, plus unspecified amounts in restitution, special damages, attor-

See **EXECUTIVES** on Page 4



How is your baby growing?

If your child displays any of the following signs of possible developmental delay, talk to your doctor, nurse, or other health care provider about it:

Developmental Health Watch

3 Years (36 Months) to 4 Years (48 Months)

- Cannot throw a ball overhand
- Cannot jump in place
- Cannot ride a tricycle
- Cannot grasp a crayon between thumb and fingers
- Still clings or cries whenever parents leave
- Shows no interest in interactive games
- Ignores other children
- Doesn't respond to people outside the family
- Doesn't engage in fantasy play
- Resists dressing, sleeping, using the toilet
- Lashes out without any self-control when angry or upset
- Doesn't use sentences of more than three words
- Doesn't use "me" and "you" correctly
- Experiences a dramatic loss of skills he or she once had

Learn the Signs. Act Early.

You may also contact the **Children's Developmental Assistance Center (C*DAC)** at
664-4830

for a **FREE** developmental screening!

Information adapted from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, Learn the Signs. Act Early.
Supported in part by project H25MC06112 from the MCHB (Title V, Social Security Act), HRSA, DHHS.



LING LIN STORE
All Souls Day
Sale

Loose Flowers
\$1.99 - \$3.99 each
Leaves, Styrofoam, Vases,
Flower Arrangements and
Coronas (flower wreaths)
are also available

We also do wholesale

Monday to Sunday
Susupe: 9:30 am to 8:00 pm
Kagman: 7:00 am to 10:00 pm
Telephone: 256-6698 / 285-5698

QUALITY CLOTHING FOR LESS
**Huge selection of Men's, Women's
and Children's Clothing.**
Fashionable accessories are also available.

Guam Gov. Calvo, key hospital execs tour CHC

Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo and key officials of his administration visited the Commonwealth Health Center last Friday with Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta and chief operating officer Esther Muna giving them a tour of the facility.

Calvo, eager to know the condition and status of the CNMI's lone public hospital, received a formal briefing from Babauta and Muna in a two-hour meeting where the corporation disclosed that it has incurred a budget deficit of \$7 million in fiscal year 2012.

Corporation COO Esther Muna revealed that the corporation expended approximately \$25 million in operations last fiscal year, while total revenues and collection generated was approximately only \$18 million resulting in an operating deficit of \$7 million during the 12-month period.

The bulk of the revenues—about 60 percent—was generated from Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement, according to Muna.

Though the corporation has the unique situation of being a semi-autonomous agency, Calvo and Guam Memorial Hospital medical director Dr. Larry Lizama shared that GMH has also been incurring operating deficits which amounted to \$12 million last fiscal year.

They shared that the Guam hospital has total revenue of \$140 million of which 40 percent is from Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement and about 35 percent from insurance payments.

The Guam hospital, they said, was approved a \$9-million budget. In terms of collection, Calvo and Lizama said GHM only collects 40 cents to a dollar it spends, which is almost the same level as the corporation's which is only able to collect 50 cents to a dollar. In the Guam hospital, Lizama also disclosed that about 65 percent of its paying clientele are those with insurance while about 25 percent are self-pay.

In inquiring about the immediate challenges of the cor-

poration, Babauta informed the Guam governor's group the difficulty of not having a budget for the hospital's operations. Babauta said CHC's budget was reduced from \$38 million in 2011 to only a seed money of \$5 million in fiscal year 2012.

Babauta described the operation and survival of the public hospital as a "miracle" at present as they merely depend on the corporation's revenues.

The CEO shared that due to financial constraints, the corporation eliminated certain agencies like Community Guidance Center and the hospital dental clinic, resulting in the laying off of more than 30 employees.

Babauta also explained the immediate jeopardy status slapped on the corporation by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

"We've been cited over the years for violations on our condition [of participation] since 2008 up to now. Finally, CMS came and said 'we have to do something.' Without Medicare help, we might shutdown this hospital. So to me, one of the best things that ever happened in this hospital is this immediate jeopardy status because we really need to meet certain standards and put in place policy and procedures," said Babauta.

Meantime, GMH medical director Dr. Larry Lizama admitted Friday that the CNMI government owes the Guam hospital a significant amount of monies for its patient referrals. He expressed his desire to continue to "work together" with the CNMI in this aspect.



Calvo



Muna

He was made aware that off-island medical referral program is being taken care of by the Governor's Office, and not by the corporation. (Moneth G. Deposa)

Fenny Hair Cut Beauty Parlor
FREE Hotoil for every Rebonding and Perm Service
Nail Art - \$5.00
 10:30am - 8:30pm San Jose Tel.: 234-0393
 10:00am - 10:00pm Chalan Kanoa Tel.: 235-0393

"Expert Care....Every Day!"

Marianas Eye Institute is very fortunate to have our outstanding optometric physician, Dr. Mark D. Robertson, on staff. From simple eye problems, to the most complex, Drs. Robertson and Khorram are here to help you.

- Recipient of National Honors for Research in Eye Care
- Recipient of Optometric Recognition Award
- Certified by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry
- Doctor of Optometry - "Magna Cum Laude"

Open six days a week, Mon - Sat, 8 am - 5 pm.

We welcome Aetna, Self-pay, Staywell, Netcare, Calvo's, TakeCare, Medicaid, Medicare, Tricare, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and more!

235-9090
 Walk-in's welcome.
 Beach Road Garapan.

Marianas Eye Institute
 "Where Technology Meets Talent"

ANNIVERSARY SALE-A-BRATION

Introducing **Castrol GTX**

Modern Engine 10W-30 motor oil in 1-liter bottles.
Available Exclusively at Triple J Motors
 and these fine retail outlets:
 • 99 Cents Supermarket, Garapan • Capitol Hill Market • Kagman Market
 • Han Nam Market, Koblerville • Payless Market, Susupe • San Jose Mart

BUMPER-TO-BUMPER Maintenance Service
Saipan's Best Comprehensive Auto Maintenance Service

- Oil and filter change with Castrol synthetic blend 5W30
- Clean and inspect front and rear brakes
- Inspect and rotate tires; set correct tire pressure
- Check fuel tank, lines, hoses and connections, plus add Johnsen's fuel-injector cleaner
- Inspect front and rear axle boots and joints
- Inspect front and rear suspension, and drivetrain
- Clean A/C filter and adjust drive belts
- Clean air filter (a dirty air filter can cost 2-3 mpg in fuel efficiency)
- Test battery & clean terminals - Charge if necessary
- Check underbody for damage, rust or corrosion
- Perform minor chassis lubrication and topping of low fluids

Starting at \$99.95*

IT'S MORE THAN JUST OIL. IT'S LIQUID ENGINEERING. **Castrol**

Repair estimate available upon request.

Plus, receive a FREE Exterior Car Wash and DuraFresh Organica Scent Can

*4 cylinder vehicles only. 6+ cylinder vehicles & above starting at \$109.95. Disposal fee not included and some restrictions apply. Service recommended every 6 months or 6,000 miles. Keep your brakes and engine oil clean! Offer good for a limited time only.

AYURVEDIC Thai Massage Grand Opening
\$1500 1 hour of full body massage
 Call for appointment
 Promo is only valid for two (2) or more customers at a time.
\$2500 1.5 hours **\$3000** 2 hours
 We have Certified Therapeutic Thai Massage over 10 years experience.
 Open Daily from 11am to 11pm
 Tel: 233-2249
 2nd Floor, Winchell's Bldg., Garapan

TRIPLE J MOTORS PARTS & SERVICE
 Located on Beach Road, Chalan LauLau
 Open Mon-Fri: 7:30am to 5:30pm • Sat: 7:30am to 5:00pm
 Tel: 234-7133/3051 ext 25/27 • Fax: 234-3052

Email: serviceadvisor@triplejsaipan.com
 rsteele@triplejsaipan.com
www.carssaipan.com

Impeachment panel subpoenas phone records, as hearings wrap up today

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Members of the Special Committee on Impeachment agreed to subpoena the phone records of two law enforcement officers between Aug. 3 and 4 as the hearings entered its ninth day on Friday, when the panel heard from witnesses on the governor's failure to terminate his former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham after it became evident he violated laws by hosting a meet-and-greet for a delegate candidate in 2010 as well as the no-bid \$190.8-million power purchase agreement.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan)

made a motion to subpoena documents from IT&E and the Department of Finance, specifically phone records of two government personnel from 7am Aug. 3 to 10am Aug. 4.

The phone records are for the cellular phone numbers 285-5286 and 285-9008, as requested by Dela Cruz. *Saipan Tribune* later learned these two numbers belonged to law enforcement officials involved in the escorting of Buckinghams at the airport in August.

The actual conversation, however, couldn't be obtained unless the calls were bugged on Aug. 3 and 4; the committee is only after the time of the actual calls and/or text messages from and to these two numbers.

Impeachment Committee chair Rep. Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said for the most part, the hearings have gone on smoothly despite not getting all the documents and other materials that the committee had requested for, including missing prison logbook and prison surveillance cameras.

"I think overall, for the most part, it went smoothly," Deleon Guerrero said during a short recess in the hearings.

Deleon Guerrero said the committee members will weigh the information they have gathered during the hearings, to come up with a recommendation to the full House of Representatives.

"I know that there are people for, people against, but before we deliber-

ate on it, we'll be making a statement that regardless of what our positions are, that it's important that we weigh the evidence, that we keep an open mind as we weigh the evidence," he said.

The impeachment hearings will wrap up today with Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro as the only witness scheduled to testify, in connection with Buckingham's controversial departure from the CNMI.

Deleon Guerrero said they expect Ogumoro to bring his own legal counsel, after he invoked his Fifth Amendment right last week. Ogumoro also told the committee last week that the impeachment hearing was "a waste of government time."

The impeachment committee also said during Friday's hearing that the FBI Honolulu office notified them that two FBI agents could not testify at the impeachment hearings. These two FBI agents served Buckingham a penal summons shortly before the former AG departed Saipan.

The penal summons required Buckingham to appear in court two days later, but he did not come back to Saipan. Buckingham was escorted by armed police and ports police officers, allegedly shielding him from being served a penal summons until the FBI's help was sought.

Of the eight members of the Impeachment Committee, Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan) was the only one that was perennially absent from most of the impeachment hearings.

On Friday morning, Frieda Demapan, an executive assistant at the Office of the Attorney General, invoked her Fifth Amendment right to remain silent when asked by Dela Cruz whether a scheduled meet-and-greet with a delegate candidate in August 2010 was approved by Buckingham.

Demapan was the one that sent an email to OAG attorneys and staff in August 2010 inviting them to a meet-and-greet with then delegate candidate Joe Camacho, now a Superior Court judge, at the governor's house.

The committee also called in former assistant attorney general Mike Ernest to testify on the events surrounding the same meet-and-greet with a delegate candidate in 2010.

Ernest, now a private attorney, said the event started out as a dinner between the governor and the first lady and Buckingham and his wife. The event later on was extended to include assistant attorneys general at the OAG. And later on, it became a meet-and-greet with the governor's delegate candidate, something that Ernest said he and other government attorneys felt was not appropriate.

HOSPITAL

From Page 1

the proposed emergency regulation.

It was last August when the corporation approved the emergency regulation which intends to enforce up to over a 300-percent increase in major hospital fees and services. The regulation is now seeking comments from the public and would take effect 120 days after publication in the Commonwealth Register.

"The announced emergency rates surpass those currently charged at facilities such as the Guam Memorial Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, and many other hospitals in our provider networks. For example, the old CHC rate for a semi-private room per day was \$303.75 and has now been increased to \$1,090 per day compared to a GMH room and board rate at \$519.56 per day. This represents a 359-percent increase," stated Crisostomo.

The announcement, he added, did not also allow for public comments and

it is a surprise to many in the business community especially to insurance firms as the third party payers. The new fees, if implemented, will not affect government programs such as Medicare or Medicaid and will only impact the population insured through private payers.

Crisostomo said the high rates will lead to higher health insurance premiums, resulting in higher uninsured individuals. The business community, he said, cannot afford additional increases especially since another wage increase must be implemented. It was on Sept. 25 when another 50-cent increase in minimum wage was enforced in the Commonwealth.

Crisostomo was among the health insurance officials who met with Babauta last month. For the plan administrator, the rate increases may necessitate health plans to change CHC from an in-network provider to an out-of-network provider resulting in higher cost share by members.

"In turn, this may cause members to seek off-island care rather than at CHC

resulting in CHC losing, rather than gaining, revenues from commercial payors," he said, adding that while they recognize the precarious financial situation facing CHC, there are other solutions that will yield additional revenues to CHC but lessen the crippling effect that the new rates have to an already distressed business community.

Crisostomo had recommended two options that he believes would effectuate a more reasonable revenue enhancement program for CHC.

The plan administrator asked that the corporation immediately replace the announce fee increase with a 20-percent across-the-board hike and plan for minimal adjustments in future years based on true hospital rate-setting calculations.

If this is found not feasible, "We ask that CHC either provides a 50 percent relief as a discount from the newly enacted fees or apply the new room rates on a per-diem basis which means that no other ancillary charges will apply other than the daily room rates."

DORA

From Page 1

Dora was taken out of the Commonwealth Health Center Intensive Care Unit and transferred to a private room for a few hours where she was treated like royalty as she got to wear her tiara and received a white and pink princess outfit and other Cinderella gifts ranging from DVDs and a portable DVD player to books, dolls, and hair accessories.

To make the moment more magical for Dora, Marione Santos, one of the volunteers, serenaded the young girl with "A Dream Is A Wish Your Heart Makes," the soundtrack of Walt Disney film's Cinderella.

"Like what Cinderella says, every time you keep on believing in your dreams and your wishes, it will come true," Santos advised Dora.

Besides Dora's mini-party, about 20 family members personally hand-picked by Dora herself were taken out for lunch by Make-A-Wish Foundation at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Miyako Restaurant where they enjoyed a delicious lunch and expressed their well-wishes and support in a video that would be shown to Dora to let her know that her wish indeed came true.

Dora, who has shown remarkable optimism and strength since her ordeal was brought to light, wore a smile on

her face all throughout that wet and gloomy Saturday morning and her mother, Jennifer C. Ada, couldn't help but express her gratitude.

"I saw a smile that I haven't seen in a long time. The crown fits her really good but she looks like a princess every day. Thank you Make-A-Wish Foundation for bringing happiness to an 8-year-old who's paralyzed and laying in bed every single day. It's really meaningful to me and my family, seeing such happiness in her, no matter what condition she's in," she said.

In an interview, Make-A-Wish Foundation's Camacho disclosed that it was Dora's medical team at CHC that informed them in August about a young girl who might qualify for their program. That month, the foundation interviewed Dora and found out about her wish to have a party for herself and her family.

But with a breathing tube down her throat to keep her alive, Make-A-Wish couldn't take her out of the hospital so she can enjoy her wish. "It wasn't medically safe for her. So we had to be creative and do the next best thing and bring the party to her," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*.

Camacho said Saturday's event is a "medicine for the soul," a way to let Dora forget her serious illness momentarily and let her experience the joys of being a child.

"We just find it amazing that this one

little girl is rallying entire communities and islands... We're just here to help her feel good. We're one part of the community coming together, taking time out of their lives and think about this kid," he added.

Foundation board member Angela Yamashita-Santos, who was also part of the event, expressed their appreciation to CHC doctors and staff for their assistance in allowing Make-A-Wish Foundation grant Dora's wish.

"More than anything, it's such an honor and a privilege to meet someone such as Dora. In this dismal condition that we're in right now, she's like a ray of hope that we need. She's such a strong girl and the whole island and other islands are just rooting for her and watching her progress. Everybody wants her to do well," she said.

Dora's wish is the fifth Saipan wish granted by Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants a combined 20 wishes a year for medically qualified children 2 1/2 to 18 years old from the Northern Marianas and Guam, according to Camacho.

"We accept referrals from medical professionals, family members or the wish child themselves. If there's a wish and the kid qualifies, we're going to grant it," he said.

For more information, call (671) 649-WISH (9474), (670) 483-WISH (9474) or email info@guam.wish.org.

OPA

From Page 1

the profit sharing program and MOA is not necessarily true because Eco Island still has access to the public land under the MOA.

"I find this MOA and the subsequent assignment very disturbing for several reasons. First, it is the governor executing the MOA for establishment of the solar power plant not the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Second, it is also the governor or the CNMI government that will enter into a power purchase agreement for the purchase of the solar power not CUC as required by law," Maratita said in her two-page letter to the public auditor.

Maratita, who sued the governor over a sole-source \$190.8-million power purchase agreement, said her third concern about the MOA and subsequent assignment is that there was no official lease of public lands.

"I think it is legally insufficient for the secretary of Public Lands to lease or give away public lands for free via an MOA. Public Law 15-2 is specific as to the process by which to lease public lands," she said.

Maratita also said there was no consideration exchanged for the MOA.

"However, Eco Island Development was paid \$3.85 million for its interests in the MOA. Did Eco Island assign its interest in free public land for \$3.8 million? Also, did the exit clause terminate the MOA because of the parties' failure to begin construction or build the solar power plant as of today?" Maratita asked.

Eco Island is the local business partner of California-based American Capital Energy Co., which has been expecting a contract award from

CUC for solar photovoltaic power plants project, an estimated at \$40 million investment.

3 phases

Within weeks after the signing of the MOA on Oct. 10, 2011 and the amended MOA on Nov. 7, 2011, Eco Island Development LLC's president Shen Yen and vice president Herman Sablan signed an "Agreement of Assignment" with another Californian firm, "Pacific Rim Solar Inc.," on Nov. 10, 2011.

Under that "agreement," Eco Island "desires to assign to assignee [Pacific Rim] all of its rights, title, and interest to the MOA in exchange for a total amount of \$3.85 million with three phases of payments."

Phase 1 requires that within 10 business days after Pacific Rim gets the Interconnection Service Agreement/Construction Service Agreement, 185 acres land lease agreement, power purchase agreement and building permit for 20MW solar power facility, Pacific Rim has to pay \$1.89 million.

Phase 2 requires that within 10 business days after the start of the construction, Pacific Rim has to pay \$980,000.

Phase 3 requires than within 10 business days after commercial operation, Pacific Rim has to pay \$980,000.

Sablan said the agreement of assignment will provide DPL additional revenues.

EXECUTIVES

From Page 2

ney's fees, and court costs.

Pixley said as a result of the defendants' unjust enrichment, Saipan Air has been damaged in an amount in excess of \$1.26 million.

PSS to charge election body for facility use during polls

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The Commonwealth Election Commission has been utilizing public schools free of charge during election day for many years. However, this year maybe a different story after the election was body was informed by the Public School System about its plan to charge the commission for using school facilities.

Every election year, many public schools are designated polling places for voters on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

On Nov. 6, the commission designated the following school campuses as precinct polling stations: Hopwood Junior High School, Dandan Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, Tanapag Elementary School, Grego-

rio T. Camacho Elementary School, and Tinian Elementary School.

Saipan Tribune learned that Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., has recently issued a memorandum to public school administrators informing principals and vice principals that PSS must assess and charge the election commission, at least on the amount of utilities it may consume on election day.

Based on Public Law 12-18, public schools and public buildings shall be utilized as polling places during elections and that no rent shall be charged or paid for the use thereof. It was learned that because of PSS' intention to initially charge the election commission rent and utilities, its executive director Robert

Guerrero recently met with the education commissioner to discuss this issue.

In acknowledging the provision of the election law, PSS then conveyed its decision to charge the commission but only with the amount of utilities it will consume.

On election day, the commission had decided to use only the schools' cafeteria for the casting of votes, and the schools' bathroom facilities for poll workers.

Sablan told administrators that in the event that they autho-

rized the use of school facility as a polling place, administrators are instructed to remind the commission of its obligations and responsibilities.

These include "PSS to charge the commission for electricity consumption for the election day" and will also "charge for amenities used such as bathrooms, including asking the commission to provide for their own toiletries for the day."

The commissioner's memorandum also stated that "PSS will charge for any cost incurred to PSS personnel that

will be asked to report to work to open and close the polling place at the prevailing overtime rate/holiday pay."

Upon vacating the PSS campus, the commission will also be asked to clean facilities used during the polls, including bathrooms.

The commission will also be informed about the BOE Regulation 60-20-470 on drug, alcohol, smoking, and betel nut. These items are prohibited at all times on school campuses. PSS indicated that it will coordinate with the

commission the cost of the electricity consumption for Nov. 6 and will send a bill directly to the commission.

When asked for comment yesterday, commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero admitted to *Saipan Tribune* that he met with the PSS commissioner and stated that "the election commission is working on the issues" that were raised by the school system.

PSS is facing a challenging school year because of lack of funding to support and sustain all its programs and services.

New tropical disturbance triggers more rain showers

More rain poured in again yesterday in the northern part of the CNMI as a tropical disturbance was formed northwest of Saipan.

According to the U.S. National Weather Service in Guam, the tropical disturbance is expected to bring numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms to Saipan, Tinian, Farallon De Medinilla, Anatahan, and Sarigan.

NWS and Emergency Management Office said flooding occurred yesterday during the heaviest rain especially near Lake Susupe on Saipan.

NWS and EMO expected the

rain to become light yesterday afternoon as the disturbance moved farther away to the northwest.

As of yesterday morning, NWS said the disturbance is slowly intensifying and is now the subject of a tropical cyclone formation alert from the Joint Typhoon Center.

Meanwhile, NWS said hazardous surf of 8 to 10 feet caused by swells from distant Typhoon Prapiroon will continue on west and northwest facing reefs through at least Wednesday. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide Federal funding to the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands to fund the Green Energy School Project which would install and operate small-scale wind turbines at Saipan Southern High School and Koblerville Elementary School.

GREEN ENERGY SCHOOL WIND PROJECT SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS DOE/EA-1923

DOE's Golden Field Office has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA). Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the Draft EA for consideration by DOE by **October 29, 2012**. All comments received will be considered in preparation of the Final EA. DOE encourages your participation in this process.

You can submit comments by either mail or email. Melissa Ardis, DOE Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Blvd, Golden, CO 80401, or by email to: melissa.ardis@go.doe.gov.

The Draft EA, with appendices is available for your review on the Golden Field Office website:
http://www.eere.energy.gov/golden/NEPA_DEA.aspx



Quality and Professional

Health care you and your family deserve.

The FHP Health Center houses various units for doctors' consultations, preventive care, physicals, minor surgeries, and laboratory services. An on-site retail pharmacy open to the public, offers competitive rates for prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications.

The entire facility is staffed by registered medical professionals. We have doctors with admitting privileges to the hospital, which is only minutes away from the Health Center. If you seek quality and professional health care, visit us today!

Business Hours:
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location:
2nd Floor TSL Plaza, Beach Road, Garapan

Call for an appointment at **(670) 235-0998**
or visit us at **www.takecareasia.com**.

FHP®
At FHP, you come first.™

Concerned citizen files taxpayers' lawsuit vs Fitial, Alepuyo

Concerned citizen Glen Hunter has filed a taxpayers' lawsuit that questioned the legality of the continued occupation of Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo as acting attorney general for more than 30 days now without submitting her name to the Senate for confirmation.

"It is time for the good people of the CNMI to take back their government and for this court to stop the abuse of power and neglect of duties that seems so rampant with the current governor," said Hunter in his lawsuit.

Hunter is suing Fitial and Alepuyo for taxpayer's right of action: Illegal expenditure of public funds and breach of fiduciary duty. He is also suing the governor for breach of trust.

Alepuyo told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that she has no comment at this time.

Press Secretary Angel Demapan said as an assistant attorney general, Alepuyo was designated acting AG following the resignation of then AG Edward T. Buckingham.

Demapan said the Office of the Attorney General had already looked into this matter long before there was a lawsuit.

"The acting AG opined that the statute does not apply because she is not a nominee, but merely an assistant AG designated to take charge until a new

AG has been appointed and confirmed," Demapan said.

Hunter filed the lawsuit pro se or without a lawyer in Superior Court on Friday.

The plaintiff asked the court to declare that the continued occupation of Alepuyo as acting AG is illegal and therefore is null and void.

Hunter requested the court to rule whether any payment to Alepuyo for salaries, benefits, travels, and/or reimbursements, is a constitutional and/or just expenditure of public funds for a public purpose.

He asked the court to rule whether Fitial breached his fiduciary duty to plaintiff and

the good people of the CNMI allowing Alepuyo to continue to illegally occupy the AG position in an acting capacity for more than 30 days without submitting her name to the Senate president for confirmation.

Hunter moved the court to issue a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction that prevents Alepuyo from performing any rights and duties as acting AG under the "Aug. 13, 2012" appointment pending the resolution and final disposition of this case.

The plaintiffs requested the court to issue a TRO and preliminary injunction against Fitial to restrain him from further

appointing acting attorneys general in violation of the CNMI Constitution and laws, pending the resolution of this lawsuit.

In his complaint, Hunter stated that the AG position is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Fitial appointed Alepuyo to temporarily serve as acting AG on Aug. 13, 2012.

Hunter asserted that the AG position requires the advice and consent of the Senate, which must be submitted by the governor to the Senate president within 30 days following the date that Alepuyo was temporarily appointed.

"To date, defendant Alepuyo continues to serve as acting Attorney General, and continues to receive salary and benefits as acting Attorney General," he said.

Hunter said the CNMI's meager resources are being committed to pay an illegally appointed acting AG, at a time, when the Commonwealth's only hospital is having major financial difficulties meeting payroll, paying vendors, buying medical supplies, and is placed on immediate jeopardy status, when the police department lacks funding for necessary equipment and supplies, when the government is "broke." (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



FORD SERVICE

OUR TECHNICIANS SEE THINGS YOU CANNOT.
Keep your car in top condition during our Real Deals Around the Wheel Event

Don't take chances. Trust our factory-trained technicians for all your suspension, brake and steering repairs. And right now, special deals make those repairs even more affordable. Hurry, these offers are only available Sept. 24 through Oct. 31. For additional special offers, visit fordconsumer.com.

Enjoy up to *20% Discount on Service and Parts

For every Service performed from the months of September and October, \$3.00 will be forwarded to the Joeten Charitable Foundation.



*10% discount from Joeten Motors



*To avail an additional 10% discount, log on to www.fordconsumer.com to receive an email coupon. Coupon valid until October 31, 2012. Conditions apply.



REAL DEALS AROUND THE WHEEL

The Real Deals Around the Wheel concept is to offer competitively-priced maintenance and repair packages to all your service customers by removing the wheels and inspecting what's behind them. The parts to be inspected are divided into three categories:

BRAKES	RIDE CONTROL	STEERING & SUSPENSION
Pads	Shocks	Power Steering Pumps
Shoes	Struts	Drag Links
Calipers		Tie Rods
Rotors		Spindles
Drums		Stabilizer Bars
Wheel Cylinders		Ball Joints
Master Cylinders		Control Arms & Bushings
Brake Boosters		Springs
Wheel Hub Assemblies		Wheel Bearings
		Steering Gear Assemblies

Exclusively for Ford vehicles only. See advisors for more details.



Joeten Motors
POWERED BY YOU

BUSINESS HOURS: MON. - FRI. 8 AM - 5 PM
SAT. 8 AM - 12 NOON
(SERVICE DEPARTMENT CLOSE ON SATURDAYS)
TEL. 234-5562



Go Further



CERTIFIED Used Cars
1 YEAR FREE SERVICE WITH USED CAR PURCHASE

DEALS OF THE WEEK

 2004 Ford Crown Victoria STOCK # 4X141028 \$8,995⁰⁰	 2010 Honda Civic LX STOCK # AE035279 \$16,995⁰⁰	 2008 Ford Ranger Sport 4x4 STOCK # 8PA43917 \$21,995⁰⁰
 2005 Ford Five Hundred SE STOCK # 5C104810 \$10,995⁰⁰*	 2004 Honda Accord LX STOCK # 4A07149 \$12,995⁰⁰*	 SOLD 2006 Honda Civic LX STOCK # 6C009897 \$11,995⁰⁰*
 2004 Honda Accord LX STOCK # 4A068311 \$12,995⁰⁰*	 SOLD 2005 Nissan Sentra STOCK # 5L472573 \$8,995⁰⁰*	 SOLD 2006 Nissan Altima SE STOCK # 6C187653 \$12,995⁰⁰*
 SOLD 2006 Kia Rio LX STOCK # A6673680 \$12,995⁰⁰*	 SOLD 2004 Mazda RX8 STOCK # 80214167 \$16,995⁰⁰*	 2008 Nissan Quest S STOCK # 8N111101 \$18,995⁰⁰*
 Mona Mengloi Sales Consultant Visit or call 234-5562	 2009 Nissan Altima S STOCK # 9C188438 \$18,995⁰⁰*	 SOLD 2008 Nissan Altima S STOCK # 8N502704 \$14,995⁰⁰*

**SHOWROOM HOURS: MON. - FRI. 8 AM - 6 PM
SAT. 8 AM - 12 NOON • TEL. 234-5562**

Vehicle may not be exactly as shown • Some conditions apply •
On approved credit • See dealer for details • While Supplies last.
* Vehicles Certified with 61 point inspection.

Joeten Motors
POWERED BY YOU

Computer training program finds new home

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**
clarissa_david@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The computer training program of the Philippine Consulate General on Saipan and the Philippine Overseas Labor Office has found a new home.

The Saipan Building and Fixing Computer Users Group, which volunteered to continue this program once the Consulate shuts down after Oct. 31, presented the new training venue to Consul General Medardo G. Macaraig and

Guam Consul Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian last Oct. 7.

Founding chair Mar V. Masilungan said Friday that one of their members, Nestor Tumaquip, offered his residence in San Vicente as a place where the group can continue to offer one of the more well-received training programs of the consulate.

Masilungan said the venue can accommodate up to 30 students in a class, and is free of charge. But students will be asked to contribute \$1 per class to cover the cost of

utilities, and Masilungan said a sub-meter has been set up so the group can monitor the electricity consumption of the training program.

He said members of the SBFCUG took three weekends to complete the painting and electrical jobs needed to make the place look like a real computer class venue.

"It's really in our hearts to continue this training program even after the closure of the consulate. There is a great need for information technology training

here on island," Masilungan told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said the SBFCUG eyes conducting the training classes on weekends or same as the consulate's previous schedule, but the hours would depend on the available schedule of the volunteer instructors.

Besides Masilungan, who works for White Coconut Computer Services, other instructors are Zaldy Quebral of Pacific Amusement and Jousel Regilme of O'Connor Berman Dotts & Banes law firm.

While the group has yet to announce officially the start of their training program, Masilungan said they already received a lot of inquiries from community members. He said they are looking at starting the training next month.

Auxilian, in a separate interview, confirmed that he and Macaraig visited the new training site last Oct. 7.

"We express confidence that the computer training program will continue through the initiative and commitment of the Saipan Building and Fixing Computer Users Group," he said.

Masilungan revealed that right before Sunday's ocular inspection, the group held a general membership meeting and some 50 members of the SBFCUG voted to revise the group's by-laws, allowing other community members from various ethnic backgrounds to avail of the free training.

"We saw the need for this kind of training, not just for Filipinos but for the community as a whole," he said.

According to Masilungan, their decision to open the program to everyone was driven by the move of other non-profit groups to conduct workforce

training, and SBFCUG is capable of handling the computer training program.

He noted, however, that there will be a screening committee composed of the group's officials to determine which among interested individuals are more qualified to receive the training based on a set of criteria yet to be established by SBFCUG.

Masilungan also said they will ask the Guam Consulate to sign the certificates that will be given to the trainees who will complete the training program.

To sign up for the training or for more information, email tropicmar@gmail.com.

CNMI Bar welcomes four new lawyers

The CNMI Judiciary held an Attorney Admissions Ceremony last Oct. 5 in the Commonwealth Supreme Court at the Guma' Hustisia.

The ceremony was opened with remarks by then Acting Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro. The U.S. District Court Chief Judge NMI Ramona V. Manglona delivered the keynote speech.

CNMI Bar Association president Sean E. Frink presented to the Judiciary the successful applicants who had recently passed the required examina-

tions to practice law in the Commonwealth and were therefore eligible for admission to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island Bar Association:

■ Jennifer Dockter—J.D., Thomas Jefferson School of Law, B.S., Boise State University; Law Offices of F. Matthew Smith.

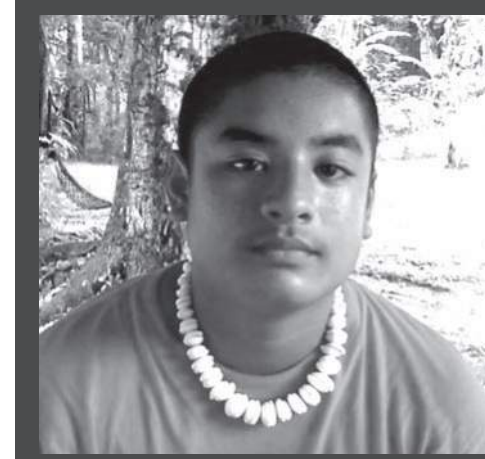
■ Frederick B. Hayes, Jr.—J.D., Whittier Law School, B.S., Vanderbilt University; Sedgwick LLP, Irvine, CA.

■ James D. Livingstone—J.D., George Washington Uni-

versity Law School, B.A., University of Connecticut; Law Office of James D. Livingstone, Boston, MA.

■ Jacinta Matagolai Kaipat—J.D., University of Minnesota Law School, B.A., DePaul University; Assistant Attorney General, Saipan, MP.

Each of the four newly admitted attorneys to the CNMI Bar made speeches providing words of appreciation; and Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona made closing remarks. (PR)



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday Justin Lisua. God bless and many more to come. From your Dad (Paul), Eling, your siblings, and the rest of the family. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE GUAM AND CNMI MILITARY RELOCATION (2012 ROADMAP ADJUSTMENTS) AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

The Department of the Navy (Navy) announces its intent to expand the scope of the ongoing Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for a Live-Fire Training Range Complex (LFTRC) on Guam to Support the Guam Military Relocation. The SEIS will evaluate the potential environmental impacts from construction and operation of a LFTRC on Guam and construction and operation of a main cantonment area, including family housing, and associated infrastructure on Guam to support the relocation of a substantially reduced number of Marines than previously analyzed.

The SEIS supplements the Final EIS for the "Guam and CNMI Military Relocation; Relocating Marines from Okinawa, Visiting Aircraft Carrier Berthing, and Army Air and Missile Defense Task Force" dated July 2010. The Record of Decision for the Final EIS was signed on September 20, 2010, and published in the Federal Register on September 30, 2010 (Volume 75, Number 189, Page 60438). The SEIS is being prepared for the limited purpose of supplementing the 2010 Final EIS regarding the establishment of a LFTRC; a main cantonment area, including family housing; and associated infrastructure on Guam.

The Navy will host public open house scoping meetings on Guam to obtain comments on the project scope and identify specific environmental concerns or topics for consideration in the SEIS.

The public is encouraged to attend the open house scoping meetings, which will be held on the following dates, times, and locations:

- Thursday, November 8, 2012, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Bldg. 4175 Gym/Cafeteria (Old McCool School near Southern High School) Route 5 Magazine Road, Santa Rita, Guam;
- Friday, November 9, 2012, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Okkodo High School, Dededo, Guam; and
- Saturday, November 10, 2012, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, University of Guam Field House, Mangilao, Guam.

Informational posters will be displayed and subject matter experts will be available during the open house meetings to discuss the proposed action, to answer questions, and to accept comments from the public.

Written comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings. A Chamorro interpreter will be available. Interested agencies, individuals, and groups unable to attend the open house public scoping meetings are encouraged to submit comments by December 10, 2012, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST). Mailed comments should be postmarked no later than December 10, 2012, ChST to ensure they are considered.

Mail comments to: Joint Guam Program Office Forward
P.O. 153246
Santa Rita, Guam 96915

Comments may also be submitted via the website <http://guambuildupeis.us/>

US MILITARY CONTRACTING FORUM II



Opportunities for the Marianas

November 16th, 2012 - 8:00am - 5:00pm

Tinian Dynasty Hotel

Hosted by the Tinian Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

RADM Tilghman D. Payne
*US Defense Representative Micronesia
Commander US Naval Forces Marianas
Commander Joint Region Marianas*

Mr. Christopher Dunsmore
Defense Logistics Agency - Pacific Guam

Mr. Albert Sampson
Small Business Advisor NAVFAC Marianas

COL. L Scott Loch
Commander Marine Corps Activity - Guam

Mr. Boris Hertslet
*Program Manager
Procurement Technical Assistance Center*

LT. COL. Aisha Bakkar
*Public Affairs Officer
Marine Corps Activity - Guam*

Mr. Casey Jeszenka
*Network Director, Pacific Islands
Small Business Development Center*

CAPT. John V Heckmann Jr.
Commanding Officer NAVFAC Marianas

Mr. Tom Linden
CNMI - Military Integration Management Committee

Register online at www.TinianChamber.com

The Tinian Chamber of Commerce's US Military Contracting Forum II will be held on November 16th, 2012. Registration for the event is \$35. Forum begins at 8AM (registration), 9AM (first speaker) and ends at 5:00PM.

Participants can avail of a special forum hotel rate (\$69+10%) at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel (670)328-2233 and special forum Saipan/Tinian flight rate of (\$20) via Star Marianas Air (670)433-9996. **FORUM SPONSORSHIP is also still available - contact phil@shermanpacific.com for more information.**

SPONSORS:



Persistent rain triggers flooding

Persistent rains last week triggered minor flooding in several areas on Saipan.

Rains caused almost zero visibility on Middle Road, Beach Road, and other roads even in daytime, prompting motorists to drive slowly Friday. No major vehicular accident has been reported as of press time.

The shoulder of Beach Road in some areas in Garapan, San Antonio, Chalan Kanoa, and Susupe were flooded yesterday afternoon. Opposite lanes were even flooded in some areas of Beach Road Garapan.

According to the U.S. Nation-

al Weather Service in Guam, divergent upper-level winds associated with an upper-level low convergence are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near the trough axis over the CNMI.

On Thursday morning, rocks, trees, and other debris brought by runoff littered the road near the Shell Gas Station in Dandan. Department of Public Works' crew immediately cleaned up the area.

A large west to northwest swell generated by Typhoon Papir-oon will produce hazardous surf across the Marianas early this week. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Chamber debate on TV Tuesday

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Doug Brennan announced the SCC Senatorial Candidate Forum filmed for television viewing will be shown tomorrow, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012 at 6:30pm on Mariana Cable Vision's channel 2, KSPN2.

Brennan stated, "Without the \$10 tickets sold to those that attended the October 10th candidate forum, where those vying for the Saipan Senate seat debated nine issues affecting the CNMI, SCC wouldn't be able to present this to CNMI residents as a whole."

The SCC thanks those involved in making the Senate forum available to voters and residents in Saipan. Those contributing were Northern Marianas College students and staff, Saipan Ice and Water Company, KKMP, and the forum's moderator, Bob Coldeen from KSPN2.

The Chamber will host a



Brennan

U.S. delegate candidate forum Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012 beginning 6:30pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center in Susupe. Participating in the forum will be incumbent U.S. Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan and Dr. Ignacia Demapan.

Tickets are available at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office in the Family Building in Garapan, or at the door the evening of the event. Tickets are \$10. Call 233-7150, or email to coordinator@saipanchamber.com, for more information. *(PR)*

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 15, 1999

Teno awaits jailbreak report

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio said yesterday he expects the Department of Public Safety to implement corrective measures on the heels of the fourth jailbreak in less than two years that indicate poor security at the Susupe prison facility. A report will be handed to the governor after DPS completes its investigation into the escape of three inmates last Sunday, who were recaptured two days later by the police in Kagman III while having a drinking spree. "The full report is forthcoming. They are still working on it," Tenorio told reporters. The three, Shawn Appleby, 19, Jeronimo S. Ada, 22, and Melvin N. Basa, 27, are currently under interrogation by investigators to try to determine how they managed to get out of jail.

Tinian Shipping renews plea

Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Ltd. board chairman Michael Kwan and officials of Tinian Shipping & Transportation Inc. have renewed their request with the Commonwealth Ports Authority board to reduce the payment of passenger head tax from \$6 to \$1 for two years. In a meeting with CPA officials, Hong Kong Entertainment and Tinian Shipping officials said the two-year break will allow them to carry out a marketing campaign and charter flights to boost visitor arrivals on Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino. As a result of the downturn on the island's economy, Tinian Shipping and the casino hotel have been having difficulty surviving, they said. While CPA would like to help Hong Kong Entertainment and Tinian Shipping, the ports authority also has to take into account its own financial obligations, said its executive director, Carlos H. Salas. The seaport division has a \$33 million debt.

Oct. 15, 2001

DOF seeks clarifications in 911 bill

The Department of Finance has expressed several concerns over a bill that would create a CNMI-wide 911 emergency call system, saying that several provisions on the bill need to be addressed first. In a letter to Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho, chairman of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication, Finance Secretary Lucy Nielsen pointed out several provisions on House Bill 12-407 that she said needs clarifications. The proposed legislation would authorize the Department of Finance to collect a surcharge of \$1 a month per access line from the local telephone service provider. The same rate-\$1 per account number-applies to commercial wireless service providers.

\$310K set aside for Saipan projects

Some \$310,000 in poker fee funds were appropriated last week for several projects on Saipan, a big bite of which goes to the Mayor's Office and for road improvement projects in Precinct III. House Local Bill 12-42, which is authored by Rep. Jesus T. Attao, now heads to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio for his signature, after the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation unanimously passed the measure during Thursday's session. Under the local bill, the sum of \$310,000 that was collected from taxes on poker machines (Public Law 11-2) were distributed among various projects in Saipan. Of the amount, \$100,000 will go to Mayor Jose C. Sablan for the purchase of parts, fuel, radios and for the repairs and maintenance of heavy equipment.

Oct. 15, 2002

'Fund will meet its deadline on \$600K HPMR payment'

The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund will be able to make the initial \$600,000 payment, in time for the deadline set today by its third-party administrator, Hawaii Pacific Medical Referral. This was assured by Board of Trustee member Joe Reyes, who is also chairman of the Committee on Group Health and Compensation that was formed to look for the money to pay for the outstanding medical referral claims owed by Group Health. "I'd say with about 90 percent certainty that we will be able to make the payment. I've heard that we managed to put together some money so I think we will be meeting our obligation," Reyes told Saipan Tribune yesterday afternoon.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-13-003

INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-13-003

GATE VALVE & FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT KOBLERVILLE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Gate Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement in Koblerville, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The work consists of excavation & removal of existing gate valves and installation of new 6-inch and 8-inch gate valve and fire hydrant assemblies connected to a 6-inch or 8-inch main waterline. Payment is only for the item as completely installed and accepted by the CUC. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bidding Documents may be picked-up, upon receipt of payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) on an electronic disk file; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 23, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"Gate Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement Koblerville, Saipan"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 14, 2012**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 29, 2012** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, Water/Wastewater Engineer - via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Military to conduct Training at FDM

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Air Force and U.S. Marine Corps will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Oct. 15 from 12noon to 8:30pm and Oct. 17-19 from 10am to 7pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operator—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. *(PR)*

US honors fallen soldier from Kosrae

U.S. Army Sgt. Sapuro Brightley Nena's mother and wife receives the American flag during the fallen soldier's burial. Inset, U.S. Army Sgt. Sapuro Brightley Nena. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



U.S. Army Sgt. Sapuro Brightley Nena, 25, was a Federated States of Micronesia citizen killed in action while manning his observation post last Sept. 16 in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. His body was flown to Kosrae on a military transport plane along with a Military Honor Guard from Fort Lewis, Washington.

The funeral and memorial service were held last Oct. 8. The memorial service was held in the Moses T. Mackwelung Gymnasium. Speakers at the

memorial service included the U.S. Ambassador to FSM Doria Rosen, FSM Vice President Alik Alik, Kosrae Gov. Lyndon Jackson, and the Deputy Commanding General of the 7th Infantry Division, Brigadier General Billy Don Farris.

After the memorial service his body was transported to his family's cemetery for burial. The service was held with full military honors.

Sgt. Nena was born in Kosrae and educated in Hawaii. His

last four years were in the U.S. Army where he was stationed at Fort Lewis with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. This was his second deployment to a combat arena. His first was in Iraq.

Sgt. Nena was a highly decorated soldier. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal (twice), Army Achievement Medal (twice), Meritorious

Unit Citation (twice), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal

with Bronze Service Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army

Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Driver's Badge.

He is survived by his wife, Sherlyn Nena, and his mother, Mary Ann Nena. (PR)

Joint Region Marianas recognizes Navy birthday

SANTA RITA, Guam—Joint Region Marianas (JRM) held a bell ringing ceremony to acknowledge the U.S. Navy's 237th Birthday at Gab Gab Beach on Naval Base Guam (NBG) Oct. 12.

"It is important to the organization and our culture to remember there is a legacy that proceeds of great tradition and great culture," said JRM Commander Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne. "Our ethos, our character of honor, courage and commitment have been carried through 237 years of naval service, and those of us that serve now are a part of that legacy and we will leave a legacy for those that will come after us."

The ceremony began with the ringing of eight bells signifying the completion of standing watch for 237 years and was followed by a speech from NBG Command Master Chief (SW/AW/SCW) John Lawry. He reminded the sailors they have the honor to serve in the greatest maritime fighting force the world has ever seen.



SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS JEREMY STARR

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Benjamin Dempsey, U.S. Naval Base Guam's (NBG) Sailor of the Quarter, rings the bell eight times during a bell ringing ceremony for the Navy's 237th Birthday at Gab Gab Beach on NBG Oct. 12. Joint Region Marianas held its first bell ringing ceremony in recognition of the U.S. Navy's birthday.

"As we celebrate our 237th birthday, it is our history and heritage that forms our identity, telling us who we are and what we stand for," Lawry said.

At the end of the speech, the bell was rung for the ninth time to show the start of the next watch.

Payne said Guam has the privilege to be the first to ring in the Navy's birthday.

"That is one of the advantages of living out here in Guam," he said. "We are forward-deployed but we are also the first ones to enjoy that benefit." (PR)



INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE ITB 13-GOV-001



Governor Benigno R. Fitial, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for Security Services for the Water Task Force Drill Rig on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project Scope of Work and Proposal Forms will be available on or after **October 15, 2012** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at **10:00 AM**, on **October 26, 2012**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:00 PM on **October 25, 2012**.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked "**IFB13-GOV-001**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 PM local time **November 13, 2012**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 PM local time **November 13, 2012**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 13, 2012**, and must be received no later than 2:00 PM **November 23, 2012**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 PM local time, **November 23, 2012**. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 PM local time on **November 13, 2012**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/Benigno R. Fitial,
Governor and Contracting Officer

/s/Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement and Supply



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 13-GOV-002



Construction Management/Contract Compliance For Water Task Force Projects

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force (WTF), are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified Consultants to provide Construction Management/Contract Compliance Services for various WTF contracts and projects.

The project Scope of Work will be available on or after **October 15, 2012** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 pm, **October 26, 2012** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number (670) 664-2279.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of project approval from OIA.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-305. Preference per Public Law 15-95 as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "**Construction Management/Contract Compliance**", **RFP 13-GOV-002**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Sealed proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 p.m., November 13, 2012 (CNMI local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/BENIGNO R. FITIAL
Governor

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply

Opinion

Hafa Adai!

Saipan Tribune

THE CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER
Volume XXII, Issue No. 245Published daily at 2/F JP Center,
Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI
Mailing Address: PMB 34, Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950Jayvee L. Vallejera EDITOR
Mark Rabago ASSOCIATE EDITOR

MEMBER

AP The Associated Press

Pacific Islands News Association

EDITORIAL

Enact tougher sanctions for Iran

Economic sanctions against Iran are beginning to bite, and hard. The country's currency has fallen more than 40 percent since Sept. 24. Skyrocketing inflation is destroying incomes and eating at savings.

This summer brought a wave of strikes and last week riots broke out after the regime shut down black-market foreign-exchange dealers. Some protesters shouted, "We don't want nuclear energy!"

Monday, European Union foreign ministers are scheduled to discuss ways to make the sanctions even tougher. On the agenda: a ban on Iran's natural gas exports and stiffer curbs on transactions with the country's central bank.

Washington should encourage these efforts and press for even tougher measures, while urging countries that still buy Iranian oil—such as India, Japan and China—to further cut back purchases. Iranian oil exports have dropped by half this year, cutting oil revenue by \$5 billion a month.

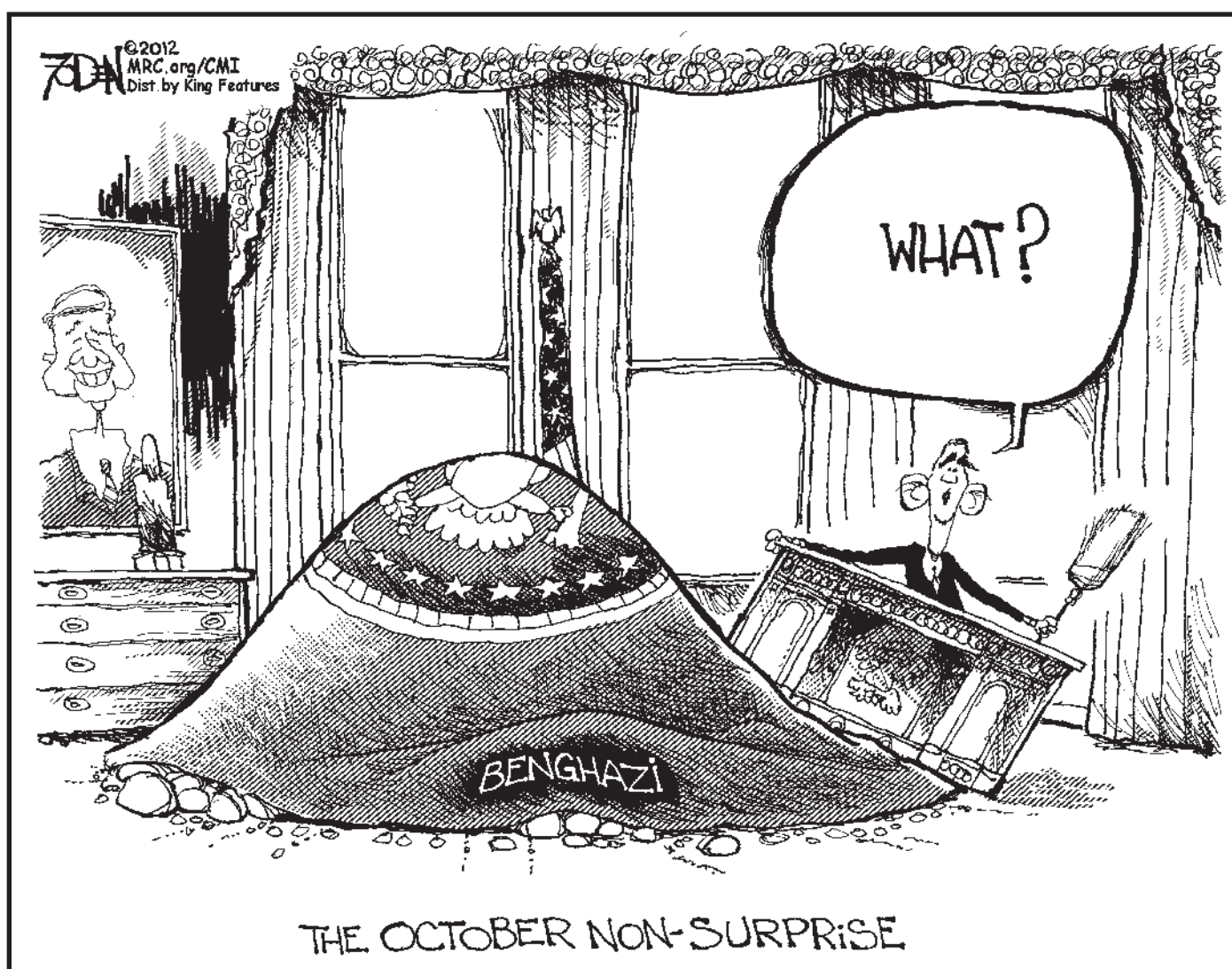
The regime says it's staying the course and if current talks fail Iran will press even harder to enrich uranium. But rising unrest and discontent may force other choices. The situation is already sparking internal spats. Ali Larijani, parliament speaker, publicly placed the blame for most of the economic problems with the government of President Mahmoud Ahmadi-najad, whose term ends next summer.

The United States and European Union should block the Iranian central bank's access to currency reserves in offshore banks.

More steps could include sanctions that bar dealings with other Iranian financial entities, measures to prevent international insurers from covering Iran-bound cargoes other than food or medicine, and a ban on transactions with any entity linked to the energy sector.

The recent riots show that such measures can significantly reduce the mullahs' shrinking support. That will steadily raise the political costs of Iran's refusal to permit international inspections and cause more in the regime to question the wisdom of proceeding with its nuclear program.

(c)2012 The Kansas City Star (Kansas City, Mo.)



More on the subject of helping ourselves

Yes, I am back again on the same subject on how to help ourselves. If not interested, turn to the comic pages. Those may give you a laugh and make you forget our pathetic situation. But I am determined that we can help ourselves to become prosperous again if we trace our steps from several years back and see what happened to put us in this situation.

I am not going to talk about the CNMI history or the garment industry. We already know much about what happened. But my concern is what we can do now to change. Basically what has happened is that somewhere along the way we have lost our desire to work. Yes, we are not willing to fight to improve ourselves. We have come to depend too much on the handouts of the local and Federal governments. And that is our downfall.

Thousands of us prefer to stand in the food stamp lines and reach out our hands with out any shame. Notice how all the grocery stores proudly display a huge sign in front of their stores proclaiming: **WE ACCEPT FOOD STAMPS!** Should I feel ashamed that I am not a part of the group that runs into the store with a fistful of food stamps?

The rest of us are eager to be employed by the government. We sell our vote to any person who will get us employed in this gigantic bureaucracy. Forget the fact that we rarely move up in position or get recognized for excellent work. The main thing is that we get a steady monthly salary. And after 20 years or so, we can retire. But wait, hasn't all this changed recently with the collapse of the retirement fund? What do we do now?

What do we truly need to improve our situation? Are there ways that we can help ourselves? Please let's work together in finding solutions. I don't have the answers, but together we can find them. Here is my first solution. Do you agree?

Let us train ourselves for various skills and trades. Once we do that let us select the needed non-resident workers that are truly difficult to replace and have them stay working with us. To the less skilled workers give them time to prepare to return to their respective countries. We can and must replace them with our own citizens.

We need both academically educated and trades educated workers. Many of us can take jobs in restaurants as cooks and waiters and waitresses. It is interesting to note that many of us local people are ashamed to work in the front portion of the restaurant as servers. We don't mind working in the kitchens, but not out front. Are we

By **ANTHONY PELLEGRINO**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is a former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.



ashamed? There is no shame in doing any honest work.

How many local nurses do we have employed at CHC? Yet the college supposedly trains many local men and women yearly to become nurses. Where do they go? Where are the trained skilled workers?

Where are all the front desk local people in the hotels? Why aren't we working the front desk? Businesses need bookkeepers and accountants—where are the local citizens in those positions? The PSS has a drastic shortage of school teachers. Why? Aren't our citizens capable of teaching our children? Why do we continuously have to recruit off island?

How many local labors do we have working on the roads? The few that trim trees or bushes along our roads are working for the government. Why can't those jobs be given to the private sector? Check our local phone directory and try to find a locally owned auto repair shop, a locally owned beauty shop or barber shop, a locally owned air-conditioning shop, and all the other trades we need daily in our lives.

The list goes on and on. How many times have I mentioned the few locally owned grocery stores and other small businesses? Why do we only flock to the government jobs? They are dead end jobs. We rarely fulfill our potentials. But you have heard me repeatedly say this. Do you agree that is part of our problem?

In researching what makes any small country prosperous I came across three small countries that have become successful despite their size and lack of natural assets. We should study what has made Singapore, Ireland, and Finland prosperous and successful.

These countries were transformed into economic powerhouses with the support of long-term strategies that were backed by the support of their political stakeholders. Each country's government

See **MORE** on Next Page

EDITORIAL POLICY

Letters to the editor must include the NAME, VILLAGE ADDRESS, and CONTACT NUMBER of the contributor. Letters that do not have these information will immediately be trashed. Contributions consisting of 500 words or less have more chances of getting published. The *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to publish a contribution or not; the right to edit submissions for length, accuracy, and clarity; and the right to publish and distribute contributions in print, electronic, or other media formats. Submissions may be sent via snail mail to the 2nd Floor, JP Center, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, 96950; fax (670) 235-3740; e-mail to editor@saipantribune.com; or through our website at www.saipantribune.com.

‘Nai appenas fondun gobietnu

Man-lagnos ripot i konsuttadot programan man-retirau na i Matsu 2014 i uttimu ha’ane para i Fondu. Kume-ke ilegña na hokog fondu para apas pagamientu yan insurance hinemlu’ para i man-ritirau siha.

I programa ginagasta \$70 Miyon gi sakan para nesessidat man-retirau. Mas pininu’ i programa ‘nai ma-apprueba lai ni sumede manana’lon kontribusiion empleau siha. Mas ke mit tantos man-nahalom aplikasion para umachule’ salape’ niha.

Siña ha’ guaha temporariu na satbasion lau mas maliñgu bentahan gobietnu na biahe sa’ mampos chaffleg i kinalamten ekonomia. Es desit, megaiña gastu ke hafa humahalom gi kontribusion tax gi hilu’ maseden mas gastun dibi.

I señaña este na modun hinanau i didog na sapet ni para u fatoigüe i tautau siha gi señoñoñg. Prepara hamyu gi manera ‘nai guaha mas inadahen pottanmonedan familia. I fette yan fotte i mamamaila’ na pinadese.

■■■

Presiun power plant

‘Nai sige mona i inekuñgog “impeachment” gi sanpapa’ na guma, umanog klaru akuantu gi magahet baliña i mafitma na kontratan \$190 miyon na fasilidat kandet (power plant).

Segun i manehante ni tumestigu gi mapos na semana, i tutat na balin i mafitma sekretu na kontra ennau kase in \$2.25 Biyon pesus.

I mafafama na siempre u ribaha i apas kandet ti umasusede, segun i manehanten power plant gi CUC. Ni manu yan ni achogha’ i mas mauleg na makinan disu’ (diesel), ti u poduñg papa’ gi \$.18 sientemus gi ora i apas kandet.

Dos gi kakama’gas CUC sumañgan klaru na masañgane i gobietnu gi ‘nos kuantos palabras yan dobladan finu’ niha na cha’ña fifitma i kontrata ni ha pluma dispues. Mampos makat yan dañkulu

na obligasion piot para i tautau siha kontodu ahensian gobietnu.

Ñahlalañg Na Asuntu Siha

Sessu mapoñggayu’ antes mangugan mai’es para eskome. Esta papaku’ kalulothu lau ti siñayu’ pumara estake huna’ bula un’ kostat 50 libra. Ai esta hu u’upus i lañget manhasu asuntu para bai’ diskuten maisa

Masumai dispues gi halom hanum ni mana’ye afug. ‘Nos kuantos dias dispues malagnos ya mahinagua estake klaru i hanum. Listu esta para umaguleg para titiyas. Diberas na pinaire i titiyas fresku piot ya guaha tininun guihan, inasnen tukun ‘sino tinala’ mantika na sensin babue pat flitada. Magpu todü tinagu’ i mediku pot cha’ut na neñkanu’.

Magahet na todü mañge’ na bokan Chamorro gai motmurasion preparasioña. Hu chage kuma’et pañglau yan motsiyas manog. Gai tiempuyu’ gi halom kusina lau hu suñgun pot guaha mañge’ malago’hu.

■■■

Antes, sessu hu flecha haguhi siha gi kantun tasi. Abundansia guihe na tiempu este na pañglau unai. Un’ talo’ane ha kaddun niyug i che’luhu pot mantai totche ham. Ha sopas yan maipen hinegsa’ ni hana’ chinatfinue’ ni sumen pika na finadeni.

Mama’ i finiyu’ ya sige ha’ hu upus. Uttimoña hu taña ya ‘nai kulan mames sinseña hu sopasyu’ lokue’. Magahet na sumen na-atrasau i mama’ finun baba. Hu daflogue-yu’ ni hagas hu letke. Uttimoña hu flecha para totchen mame!

■■■

Malulogyu’ ni mañainahu na todü nesessidathu debi bai’ fachuchu’e. ‘Nai masyu’ antau gi karerahu, hu lie’ na i Saina ti hana’ fan parehu todus hafa nina’iña.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



Adumididi’ hu akanteha haf’ dipotsihe kinalamten tautau. Guaha listu, malate’, tomtum, libianu sa’ seda’, yan guaha ha’ lokue’ ti lumalañgag katgoña ni haf’ ya u chogue. Estague’ i uttimu na mañeluta i numesessita ayudu. Estague man-matago’ta ginen hilu’ para ta adahe ya tana’ fan geftau umayuda segun i tinagu’ Yuus Tata.

Magahet na sumen mañge’ siñienteta dispues de ta estera kanaita gi man-namase’. Guaha ‘nai hafañague’yu’ i kuestion: Hafa ya unu famaguonhu pumadese esta ha rarastra hila’ña pot para u soda’ kinanu’ famaguoña? Hombre para ta hassu puti. Kuando menos ya magahet na masusede. Fan manna’e mit grasis ni todü suetten miyu.

■■■

Entre kanastran mama’, fresku na gimen ‘sino neñkanu’ tutuhon felisitasion gi halom familia gi makondusen bisita. Dispues ‘nai makanefise haf’ sessu finatton niha. Estegue’ ‘nai huli’e i antau na sensian inafamauleg yan manto’a siha na konbetsasion. Ayu mas manñge’ ‘an sige konbetsasion grasan niha. I sasañgan niha sumen mauleg na attura ‘nai gaige. Motmut respetu, hinimidge yan pinasensia gi dobladan liñguahe gi todü birada.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Impeach Ben!

He is not my “uncle.” He is not my “father.” I do not even consider him my “governor.” He does not govern our people. He manipulates and uses them. He is simply “Ben” from this point forward. Titles are used when you respect or honor someone. I cannot respect or honor anyone who abuses power and rules by fear and continues to hurt our people.

Ben is about to destroy our children’s future with a dirty \$190-million PPA contract to a shady company that has ZERO experience in building power plants. A company that was only five days old when it received this huge sole-source contract to build a diesel power plant that we do not need. For 25 consecutive years, we will have to somehow find \$700,000 each and every month to pay for a power plant that we do not need at this present time. That’s \$700,000 every month! Do you know how many 5-lb lobsters can be purchased with that amount of money? Somebody please ask Ben’s press secretary. I am sure he can figure that out in his head.

Currently, CUC is capable of producing 70 megawatts of power, and they only need less than half of that on any given day. So why would we need to build a new power plant? Why the sense of urgency? CUC officials have already stated this contract is “one-sided” and that our current power plant can last at least 10 more years. Why was there so much secrecy with this contract? How can Ben sign a contract for 25 years without the consent of the Legislature, and more importantly, without the consent of our people? It is you and me and all of our children who will have to shoulder the cost of this corrupt contract for 25 consecutive years, or 300 consecutive

months. This single contract will bankrupt the CNMI and we will all have to abandon these islands that we love so much. Are you willing to leave these islands? I am not, at least not without a fight. These islands are home to all of us, and these islands are worth fighting for. But it is difficult to win a battle against corruption unless you are willing to take a stand and join us.

Ben has been a very bad leader, to say the very least. And he continues to manipulate people by firing them and then giving them their jobs back. These are good people who work hard and have the credentials and the expertise in their field, but they must publicly show support for him and his RepubliKLAN Party in order to keep their jobs. What a twisted leader he is. Instead of inspiring workers, he intimidates them.

Ben and his Triple F’s (Faithful Fitial Followers) have been busy at political rallies blaming all of our problems on “outsiders” and Congressman Kilili Sablan and the minority bloc legislators. He has even gone so far as to call us “Satan,” which is pretty ironic considering the fact that Ben and his disciples have been doing the devil’s work each and every year he has been in office.

Let’s not kid ourselves. Ben has been above the law for all these years. Look at their latest lunchtime political meeting in which government resources were being used during government time for political purposes. And when a brave reporter asked questions, Ben’s driver, who is a DPS captain, said, “You’re not dead yet? I thought you were dead. Too bad.” This is a threat and should not be taken lightly. I sincerely hope the reporter goes to the FBI to report this. She should not waste her time going to DPS because the officials there will just laugh it off. When a leader controls the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety, he is in fact above the law. But all of that will change as soon as he is impeached and removed from office. Only then will we have a chance at rebuilding our

government and returning it to the rightful owners. . .OUR PEOPLE.

The 16 impeachment articles have more than sufficient evidence and testimonies from witnesses to impeach Ben. Some say it is impossible to impeach him. But I believe nothing is impossible. Let us not forget that many doubters said it was impossible for legislators to bring impeachment articles against Ben, yet a few courageous leaders did just that. They are not doing this for political gain. They are doing this to stop the pattern of corruption that is on the verge of decimating our children’s future. If anything, these leaders should be commended for their bravery. These minority bloc leaders have the majority of our people’s support, because we know that they have so much to lose. I salute and support each and every one of them for doing the right thing and for taking a stand against corruption and tyranny.

There is just too much at stake here to continue to ignore Ben’s pattern of corruption and breach of trust. He has lied, deceived, and breached our trust. These abuses can no longer be tolerated. Our children’s future is not worth a job or a sole-source contract. The fate of the CNMI is in YOUR hands. We cannot wait for somebody else to take a stand. YOU are that somebody. YOU are needed. Do not let our people down. OUR children’s future depends on YOU.

Please do the right thing and join us next Sunday, Oct. 21, at 10am at the Microl Intersection as we take a stand against corruption. Your presence is needed and I sincerely hope you will join us as we work toward reclaiming our government and putting it back in the hands of our people.

God bless the good people of our islands and may God bless our Commonwealth. Impeach Ben!

Ed Propst

Dandan

MORE

From Page 10

made sure their people became motivated to want to succeed. Then the government made certain that its citizens had jobs. Not one of them had food stamps for people who did not work. The rule has been: Work or you do not eat!

Does our leadership motivate us to learn vital

trades and skills? When was the last time any elected government official talked to us about regaining our lost economy from outsiders? Does the government request private businesses to hire our local people?

Vocational education and training can make a major contribution if its value is recognized and is treated as an integral part of learning and innovation system and given the resources required to deliver outcomes desired by employers.

People, I have discussed in earlier articles the many things we can do with the natural assets found in this beautiful land. Our grandparents certainly did. What has happened to us?

By combining the produce we can grow in our fertile fields and with the fish found in our bountiful ocean add to them value added products and we have the beginning of prosperity.

In closing, we will succeed only when we roll up our sleeves and feel the sweat on our brow

from the labor we produce. No one will come and save us. We must do it ourselves. Come join with me and feel the pride in paying our own way through life. Do you know of a better way?






Forgive me for repeating the same message over and over again, but isn’t that the way we learn? Now let’s act and enjoy the benefits.

Remember to SMILE. It opens the gate to our heart and shows the other person we care. So SMILE!

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Palau	Showers	▲ 83 ▼ 79
Yap	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Majuro	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 81

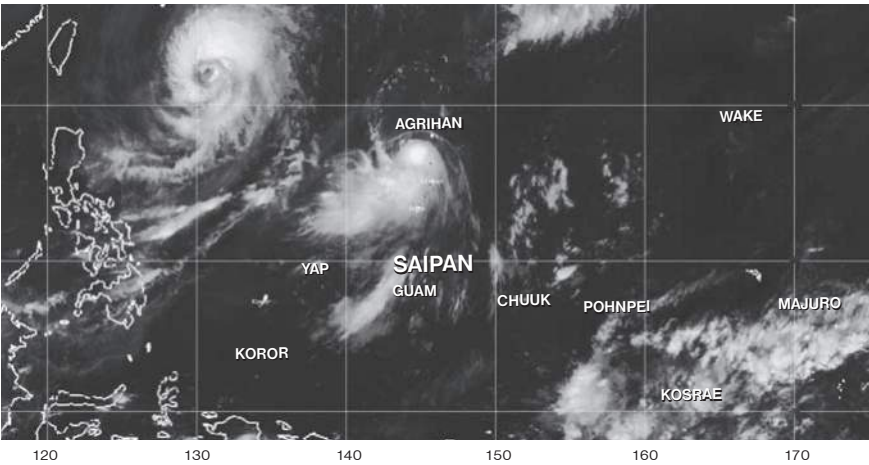
Around The Globe

Auckland	Windy	▲ 60 ▼ 54
Beijing	Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 47
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 83 ▼ 74
London	Showers	▲ 54 ▼ 44
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 62
Manila	Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 80 ▼ 54
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 76
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69 ▼ 60
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 77 ▼ 60
Paris	Showers	▲ 53 ▼ 44
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 71 ▼ 58
Rome	Rain	▲ 68 ▼ 60
Salem	Rain	60 51
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72 ▼ 60
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 70 ▼ 49
Tokyo	Sunny	▲ 70 ▼ 60
Washington, DC	Showers	▲ 70 ▼ 54

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
2:04 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
8:18 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
2:19 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
8:00 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Prapiroon (22W) is centered 365 miles south of Okinawa at 22N131E. It is drifting northeastward at 5 mph with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near the center or west of a line from 17N130E to 21N134E to 24N130E. For more information on Prapiroon see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon warning center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and National Weather Service advisories issued under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough curves southeastward from Typhoon Prapiroon through a tropical disturbance centered north of Saipan at 17N146E to end southeast of Guam at 11N149E. Converging southwest winds south of the trough are producing scattered showers and thunderstorms well north of Koror within 110 miles of a line from 12N131E to 18N136E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are present near the disturbance over the CNMI within 95 miles of a line from 14N142E to 18N146E. Converging winds near the southeastern end of the trough are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between the Marianas and Chuuk within 70 miles of a line from 4N141E to 13N151E. A trade-wind trough runs northeastward from southeast of Kosrae at EQ165E to near the date line at 5n180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found just south of Kosrae between the equator and 5N from 158E to 170E and also near Majuro within 115 miles of a line from 5N170E to 7N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
Tuesday	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Wednesday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Thursday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Friday	6:10 AM	5:54 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:32 AM	5:36 PM
Tuesday	6:33 AM	6:27 PM
Wednesday	7:36 AM	7:23 PM
Thursday	8:40 AM	8:21 PM
Friday	9:43 AM	9:22 PM

GET YOUR PICTURES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PUBLISHED—FOR FREE

The *Saipan Tribune* accepts for FREE publication the following:

PICTURES

- ISLAND SNAPSHOTS Birthdays, baptisms, christenings, family gatherings, reunions, club activities, and other community-related events.
- BIRTHDAY GREETINGS A way for families and friends to greet their loved ones, accompanied by a picture of the person celebrating his/her birthday.
- BUSINESS Corporate donations, volunteer work, promotions, granting of awards, team-building exercises, meetings and other activities by members of the business community.
- SAMUT SARI Pictures from the islands' Filipino community, primarily focusing on Filipino activities, gatherings, get-togethers, volunteer work, etc.
- TRAVELOGUE Pictures of off-island travels. Contributors may submit up to 10 pictures for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Announcements of upcoming activities of organizations, community clubs, government agencies, and private companies.

CAMPUS BULLETIN

Announcements of upcoming activities in public and private schools, as well as calendar of activities. May include PTSA meetings, enrollment procedures.

REQUIREMENTS

For pictures:

- Photos should be original and not copyrighted. Contributors must have the right to allow the *Saipan Tribune* to publish the pictures.
- Digital pictures should be high-resolution (minimum of 800kb).
- Must have complete details (who, what, where, when), the name of contact person, and phone number.
- Photos must have been taken in the last two months.
- For birthday greetings, must be submitted no later than 12 noon of the previous day to make it to next day's edition.

For announcements:

- Must have complete details (who, what, where, when), the

name of contact person, and a phone number.

- Must be submitted no later than 12 noon to make it to next day's edition.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- E-mail: editor@saipantribune.com or jayvee_vallejera@saipantribune.com.
- Fax: (670) 235-3740
- Mail: PMB 34, P.O. Box 10001, Saipan, CNMI 96950
- Drop off: 2nd Floor, JP Center, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan
- To check if contributions are received, call (670) 235-6397, 235-2440, 235-8747

POLICY

- The *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to accept or reject a contribution for publication; the right to edit all contributions, the date of publication, size of the picture, and page placement; and the right to publish contributions in print, electronic, or other media formats.
- The *Saipan Tribune* will decide how often community announcements are going to be published.
- For Travelogue, the *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to choose which pictures to publish.

NEWS DESK For news tips, corrections and requests for news coverage, call (670) 235-NEWS (6397), 235-2440, fax 235,3740. E-mail: editor@saipantribune.com. Website:www.saipantribune.com.

CUSTOMER SERVICE For inquiries, purchase of back issues and complaints, call (670) 235-8747, 235-2440, fax 235-3740.

SUBSCRIPTION Published Monday to Saturday, *Saipan Tribune* offers door-to-door on-island delivery at an annual rate of \$160. For additional subscription information, call (670) 235-8747 or 235-2769, or fax 235-3740.

ADVERTISING For inquiries contact (670) 235-2769. E-mail: sales@saipantribune.com

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPT 23, 2012

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:45am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA5062	2:40am	4:20am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)				PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UZ608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7	OZ607	9:25pm	2:20am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:40pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana				ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The <i>Saipan Tribune</i> is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)			

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

NMI CRIME STOPPERS



Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone

- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Business

IMF urges quick, effective moves to buoy growth

TOKYO (AP)—Global financial ministers called Saturday for quick and effective action to safeguard faltering economic growth and rebuild shaken confidence as they ended an annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund.

“Global growth has decelerated and substantial uncertainties and downside risks remain,” an IMF advisory committee said in a communique. It exhorted advanced economies to carry through with needed structural reforms and “credible fiscal plans.”

Decisive action is needed to “break negative feedback loops and restore the global economy to a path of strong, sustainable and balanced growth,” it said.

It also urged emerging economies to adapt their own policies to help counter slowing growth in Europe and the United States.

The annual meeting of the IMF and World Bank, convened in Tokyo this year, has highlighted frustrations among many countries over drag on

growth from the lingering debt crisis in Europe, plus alarm over a possible blow to the world’s largest economy if the U.S. fails to resolve an impasse over its budget deficit.

“A durable solution to the Euro area crisis would provide a much-needed boost to global recovery,” Yi Gang, deputy governor of China’s central bank told fellow financial leaders at the meeting Saturday of the IMF’s International Monetary and Financial Committee.

Yi said uncertainty over government debts in the U.S. and Japan was slowing recovery and causing “costly spillover effects to the rest of the world.”

Slower growth elsewhere is sapping the potential in the poorest countries, many of which depend on exports of minerals, oil and other commodities to the industrial countries.

“We should all be committed in our resolve to avoid a worst case scenario where strains in the euro area deepen, fiscal

cliff and debt ceiling problems in the U.S. are not resolved, and growth in emerging market economies continues to decline,” said Pravin J. Gordhan, South Africa’s finance minister.

Christine Lagarde, the IMF’s managing director, summed up the meetings saying they yielded “a very strong commitment to policy implementation.”

In her “Global Policy Agenda,” however, she summed up progress as “mixed.” In the 17-nation area of countries that use the euro, measures have fallen short of what is needed to ensure sustainability, it says.

It warns that high levels of government debt will constrain options for fighting recession for years to come.

“A lot has been done, but—with limited progress in addressing legacy issues such as debt overhangs and weak financial systems and continued uncertainty on key policies—confidence still has yet to be restored,” the agenda says.

Bernanke: Fed policies to help emerging markets

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

Chairman Ben Bernanke is rejecting arguments that the Federal Reserve’s bold moves to bolster U.S. job growth could have unwanted consequences in emerging market countries.

In a speech Sunday, Bernanke disagreed with criticism that the Fed’s efforts to drive U.S. interest rates lower could result in higher inflation in emerging markets or trigger a destabilizing flood of investment money into those nations.

In fact, he said, the efforts of the Fed and the central banks of other industrial countries should benefit the global economy by boosting growth and providing stronger markets for the goods of developing nations.

Bernanke’s speech in Tokyo was at a conference sponsored

by the Bank of Japan and the International Monetary Fund.

At its September meeting, the Fed announced it was launching a program to buy \$40 billion each month in mortgage-backed securities as a way to drive interest rates lower and give a boost to the housing market. Increased home sales could help spur hiring and accelerate economic growth.

The Fed also extended its time frame for keeping rates low to at least mid-2015 and said rates would remain low even after the U.S. economy begins growing at a stronger pace. That effort will continue until it sees substantial gains in the U.S. job market, the Fed said.

In his speech Sunday, Bernanke said the Fed’s effort “not only helps strengthen the U.S. economic recovery, but by boosting U.S. spending and growth, it has the effect

of helping support the global economy as well.”

Some foreign officials have been critical of the Fed’s policy, arguing that extraordinarily low U.S. interest rates will end up giving the United States trade advantages by weakening the value of the U.S. dollar. A cheaper dollar makes U.S. goods less expensive in other countries.

But Bernanke said that the dollar’s value against the currencies of emerging market economies has changed little during the Fed’s prolonged period of credit easing in the United States.

Bernanke also disputed criticism that low interest rates in the United States and other industrial nations were contributing to destabilizing investment flows to emerging economies that could make inflation worse in those nations.

volvement in Iraq was winding down.

Salmonella fear spurs firm to recall dog treats

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—A pet food company is voluntarily recalling dog treats that could be contaminated with salmonella. Nature’s Recipe announced Saturday the recall of a limited supply of its “Nature’s Recipe Oven Baked Biscuits with Real Chicken,” which were manufactured at its plant in Topeka, Kan., and distributed nationally—primarily through pet specialty retailers. The company says the product has the potential to be contaminated with salmonella, which can affect animals eating the products and pose a risk to humans from handling contaminated pet products.

Nation

Romney seeks Ohio votes as Obama preps for debate



AP

Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney campaigns at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio, Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012.

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio (AP)—Republicans Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan went back to school on Saturday to rally college students in all corners of all-important Ohio and hammer at President Barack Obama for going easy on China over unfair trade practices. Obama took precious time off the campaign trail to practice for the next debate against his GOP rival.

It was an unspoken acknowledgment of the importance that Obama attaches to upping his game in Debate No.2 that the president is

largely dropping out of sight for five straight days in the final weeks of the race to prepare for Tuesday’s encounter in Hempstead, N.Y.

Even while cloistered for debate prep at a sprawling resort in Williamsburg, Va., though, the president didn’t completely cede the spotlight to Romney. His weekly radio and Internet address highlighted the Obama administration’s work to revive the U.S. auto industry—a message aimed squarely at working-class voters in manufac-

turing-heavy states like Ohio.

Romney, for his part, told a crowd of more than 3,000 people at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth that Obama was ducking an important decision on whether China is manipulating its currency to gain a trade advantage. A decision was due on Monday, but the Treasury Department said Friday the decision won’t come until after global finance officials meet in early November. That means a decision is unlikely before the Nov. 6 election.

ACROSS THE NATION

Meteorologist: Supersonic skydive ‘a go’ on Sunday

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP)—The weekend weather in New Mexico appears to be cooperating this time for a daredevil trying to become the first skydiver to break the sound barrier. Meteorologist Don Day said the weather forecast remained favorable for former Austrian paratrooper Felix Baumgartner’s jump, scheduled for early Sunday near Roswell, N.M. Baumgartner will be prepared at sunrise to launch his 30 million cubic foot helium balloon to hoist a 3,000-pound capsule that will carry the jumper 23 miles up in the sky. The jump has already been canceled twice due to high winds, once damaging the balloon and forcing use of a backup for Sunday’s planned launch.

Badura told The Associated Press.

Los Angeles mayor wants ID card for immigrants

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Immigrants would get access to banking services in Los Angeles under a proposal by the mayor that would create an official city photo identification card that could also be used as a prepaid ATM card for their private bank account. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa says his plan is similar to programs in San Francisco and Oakland, where ID cards are issued to anyone who can prove residency, regardless of immigration status, the Los Angeles Times reported. “It will be an official ID,” Villaraigosa told the newspaper. “It will be as strong an effort as San Francisco’s.” An estimated 4.3 million immigrants live in L.A.

Hemline flap prompts 2nd homecoming dance in Utah

STANSBURY PARK, Utah (AP)—A Utah high school threw a second homecoming dance for students after it turned away about two dozen girls last month because their dresses were deemed too short. Friday night’s dance was held as a goodwill gesture after many students ended up not going to the first one when their dates and friends were barred from entering. The school’s homecoming queen was among those turned away. Stansbury High School principal Kendall Topham had earlier apologized to angry students and parents, saying the dress code should have been made clearer.



BUSINESS BRIEFS

US deficit tops \$1 trillion for fourth year

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. budget deficit has topped \$1 trillion for a fourth straight year, but a modest improvement in economic growth helped narrow the gap by \$207 billion compared with last year. The Treasury Department said Friday the deficit for the 2012 budget year totaled \$1.1 trillion. Tax revenue rose 6.4 percent from last year to more than \$2.4 trillion, helping contain the deficit. The government’s revenue rose as more people got jobs and received income. Corporations also contributed more tax revenue than in 2011. Government spending fell 1.7 percent to \$3.5 trillion. The decline reflected, in part, less defense spending as U.S. military in-

Asia

PH peace deal seen as blow to terrorists

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Hunted by U.S.-backed Filipino troops in 2005, Abu Sayyaf chieftain Khadaffy Janjalani and other al-Qaida-linked militants sought refuge in the mountainous stronghold of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the largest Muslim rebel group in the southern Philippines.

But the rebels turned them away, afraid that harboring extremists would scuttle their peace talks with the government. The following year, Janjalani—among the most-wanted terrorist suspects in Southeast Asia—was killed by troops in another jungle area.

The rebels' rejection of Janjalani, which was reported at the time by military and police intelligence officials, shows the potential of harnessing the main Moro insurgents in fighting extremism and preventing their vast strongholds from serving as one of the last remaining refuges of al-Qaida-affiliated mili-

tants, who have been clobbered by years of crackdowns across Southeast Asia.

Philippine officials hope a preliminary peace deal the government recently clinched with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front will eventually turn the 11,000-strong insurgent group into a formidable force against the remnants of the Abu Sayyaf and other radicals, including several Indonesian and Malaysian militants believed to be taking cover in the southern Mindanao region.

"We can wage battle with the MILF," Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin said. "This will really isolate groups like the Abu Sayyaf."

The United States, Britain and Australia, aware of the emerging peace agreement's potential counterterrorism dividends, were among the first to praise the framework accord with the rebels announced Oct. 7 by President Benigno Aquino

III. It will be formally signed in Manila on Monday.

"Foreign governments have supported the peace process partly because of counterterrorism policies," Bryony Lau of the Brussels-based International Crisis Group said. They also worried about poor governance and high levels of poverty that have plagued the insurgency-affected regions, he said.

While the Moro rebel group has cut ties with foreign extremists to safeguard peace talks, "there may well still be individual ... commanders with continuing ties," Lau said, adding that "the framework agreement increases the incentives for the MILF leadership to ensure that their members are not harboring such people."

Under the deal, the Moro rebel group committed to deactivate its armed guerrilla units "beyond use" when both sides have finalized an agreement on Muslim autonomy.

Car bomb kills 17 people in northwestern Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—A car bomb tore through a crowded bazaar outside an office for anti-Taliban tribal elders Saturday in northwestern Pakistan, killing at least 17 people, officials said.

The blast in the town of Darra Adam Khel was the latest to strike the troubled area near the Afghan border, showing militants still pose a threat to the stability of key U.S. ally Pakistan despite government offensives against the Taliban and their supporters.

No group immediately claimed responsibility, but the Pakistani Taliban have staged similar attacks in the tribal region of Darra Adam Khel to punish elders for backing security forces in offensives

against militants.

The explosives-laden car was parked near the office of one of the so-called peace committees that have been formed by local elders trying to rid the area of militants, regional government administrator Fakhruddin Khan said.

It was unclear how many people were in the office at the time, but Khan said those killed included tribal elders and passers-by.

He said 40 people also were wounded and the attack destroyed 35 shops and eight vehicles. The dead and wounded, including some in critical condition, had been transported to hospitals in the northwestern city of Peshawar.

The region, which is in the

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, is famous for its weapons market selling guns made by local craftsmen.

Provincial Information Minister Mian Iftikhar Hussain blamed the Pakistani Taliban, noting the fundamentalist Islamic movement also had tried to kill a 14-year-old girl who is an advocate of education for girls and a critic of the Taliban. Malala Yousufzai was shot and wounded by a Taliban gunman in the Swat Valley on Tuesday, an attack that has drawn widespread condemnation.

The girl remains on a ventilator but is in stable condition, army spokesman Maj. Gen. Asim Saleem Bajwa told reporters Saturday.

have been used as food.

Tibetan man sets himself on fire to protest China

BEIJING (AP)—The grandfather of a revered Tibetan Buddhist figure died Saturday after setting himself on fire in protest of Chinese rule, the London-based rights group Free Tibet said. The incident is the latest of dozens of self-immolations by Tibetans since 2009. Free Tibet said 52-year-old Tamdrin Dorjee died at the scene near Tsoe Monastery in northwestern China's Gansu province. It said the man is the grandfather of the 7th Gungthang Rinpoche, believed by Tibetan Buddhists to be the reincarnation of an important religious figure.

World

Turkish premier slams Security Council over Syria

ISTANBUL (AP)—Turkey's prime minister sharply criticized the U.N. Security Council on Saturday for its failure to agree on decisive steps to end Syria's civil war, as NATO ally Germany backed the Turkish interception of a Damascus-bound passenger jet earlier in the week.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan told an international conference in Istanbul that the world was witnessing a humanitarian tragedy in Syria.

"If we wait for one or two of the permanent members ... then the future of Syria will be in danger," Erdogan said, according to an official interpreter.

Russia and China, two of the five permanent Security Council members, have vetoed resolutions that sought to put concerted pressure on Damascus to end the conflict and agree to a political transition.

Erdogan called for a reform of the Security Council, which he called an "unequal, unfair system" that didn't represent the will of most countries.

He spoke as Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu met with Arab and European leaders amid growing tensions between Turkey and neigh-



Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan addresses a forum in Istanbul, Turkey, Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012.

boring Syria.

Davutoglu held talks Saturday with Arab League chief Nabil Elaraby, German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle and U.N. envoy on Syria Lakhdar Brahimi. He

told reporters after the meetings that Turkey was prepared to use force again if it was attacked, just as it did last week when a shell fired across the border from Syria killed five Turkish villagers.

Egypt's Islamists play to anti-Israel sentiment

CAIRO (AP)—A fiery tirade against Jews by the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood's leader highlights one of the foremost diplomatic challenges facing the country's new Islamist President Mohammed Morsi as he balances popular sentiment with the need for security relations with Israel.

The Brotherhood's supreme leader Mohammed Badie called on Muslims worldwide this week to defend Jerusalem, saying "Zionists only know the way of force." He said that Jews were spreading "corruption," had slaughtered Muslims and desecrated holy sites.

Badie's condemnation went well beyond the harsh criticism of Israel and its policies that is common in Egypt, opening even greater friction between the country's most powerful political group and its Jewish neighbor. And it will likely put more pressure on Morsi, who ran for president as a Brotherhood candidate, to take a more assertive role than his predecessor had in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Morsi made no public comments about Badie's remarks, the strongest criticism against Israel since Morsi took office in June. His spokesman, Yasser Ali, did not immediately

respond to phone calls seeking comment.

Eli Shaked, a former Israeli ambassador to Egypt, said the Brotherhood's statement was aimed at deflecting attention from Morsi's troubles in his first 100 days in office, from fuel shortages to mounting piles of garbage on the streets.

"Every time there is domestic tension in the new Egypt, Israel and the Jews will be targeted and every time the Egyptian street is tense or protests the Muslim Brotherhood will bring the anti-Semitic genie out of the bottle," he said Saturday.

Iran says ready for nuclear flexibility

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran is ready to show flexibility at nuclear talks to ease Western concerns over its contentious nuclear program, its foreign ministry spokesman said on Saturday, as tensions rise in the standoff between the Islamic Republic, Israel and the West.

The remarks by Ramin Mehmanparast, published by the official IRNA news agency, underscore Tehran's push to resume talks with world powers as Western sanctions squeeze the economy tighter and the European Union weighs a boycott of Iranian

natural gas.

"Iran is ready to show flexibility to remove concerns within a legal framework but such measures should be reciprocal," Mehmanparast was quoted as saying. "The other party needs to take measures to fully recognize Iran's nuclear rights and Iran's enrichment for peaceful purposes."

The five members of the U.N. Security Council, plus Germany and Iran, aim to resume high-level talks that were suspended in June. The countries want the Islamic Republic to stop enriching

uranium to 20 percent purity because at that level the material can be quickly turned into fuel for nuclear weapons.

Iran has indicated it is ready to stop the higher enrichment if sanctions are lifted and its right to enrich is recognized. The U.S. and its allies accuse Iran of seeking to develop a nuclear weapon, a charge Tehran denies.

Earlier, the country's supreme leader said Iran would defeat its adversaries, who he said are using a combination of sanctions, military threats and clandestine operations in an attempt to make Tehran back down on its nuclear program.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Blasts in southern Afghanistan kill 9

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A suicide bomber on a motorbike blew himself up at a local intelligence office in southern Afghanistan, in the deadliest of three attacks that left at least nine people dead on Saturday, officials said. Six people—four Afghan intelligence officers, a coalition service member and a civilian employee working for the coalition—died in the bombing, which took place in the Maruf district of Kandahar province. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, with spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi saying in a text message to reporters that the group was targeting international forces operating in Afghanistan.

Chinese scientist says prehistoric man ate pandas

BEIJING (AP)—A Chinese scientist says that humans used to eat pandas. In a newspaper interview, Wei Guangbiao says prehistoric man ate the bears in what is now part of the city of Chongqing in southwest China. Wei, the head of the Institute of Three Gorges Paleoanthropology at a Chongqing museum, says many excavated panda fossils "showed that pandas were once slashed to death by man." The Chongqing Morning Post quoted him as saying: "In primitive times, people wouldn't kill animals that were useless to them" and therefore the pandas must

Focus

Buffeted by debt crisis, EU wins Nobel Peace Prize

BRUSSELS (AP)—The European Commission president had no reason to expect anything but another bad day. Then, out of the blue, after three years of back-biting and seemingly daily financial crisis, the European Union won the Nobel Peace Prize for fostering peace on a continent long ravaged by war.

It was a badly needed morale boost for a 60-year-old union in the midst of a midlife crisis.

Even as it announced the award Friday, the Norwegian prize jury warned that the financial crisis challenging the 27-nation bloc's unity could lead to a return to "extremism and nationalism." It urged Europeans to remember the EU's role in building peace and reconciliation among enemies who fought Europe's bloodiest wars, even as they tackle the economic crisis that threatens its future.

The award was hailed at EU headquarters in Brussels and by pro-EU leaders across Europe, but derided by "euroskeptics" who consider the EU an elitist super-state that erodes national identities.

Emerging for a brief encounter with reporters, European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso was beaming as he declared: "Ladies and gentlemen, I have to say that when I woke up this morning, I did not expect it to be such a good day."

"The Nobel Peace Prize committee and the international community are now sending a very important message to Europe that the European Union is something very precious, that we should cherish it for the good of Europeans and for the good of the entire world," he said.

The announcement was met with negative reactions in debt-ridden countries like Spain and Greece, where many blame Germany and other northern EU neighbors for the painful austerity measures like higher taxes and job cuts they have endured in a so-far failed effort to salvage their floundering economies.

As the EU grinds toward the three-year mark in its withering financial crisis, problems abound, progress is slow and 25 million people are out of work. The prize will do nothing to balance out-of-kilter national budgets or spur economic growth in Greece or bring down the borrowing costs of some of the weaker countries that use the euro, such as Spain.

Nor will it provide solace to the unemployed.

"For them, people may even

think that this is cynical," said Paul De Grauwe, an economist with the London School of Economics. "If I were living in Portugal or Spain or Greece, I would be upset about it: 'They are giving this prize to these people in Brussels, and they are the source of my misery.'"

Still, there seems little doubt that the European Union has played a major role in bringing peace to a continent that had known precious little of it.

Growing out of the devastation of World War II, the premise of the project was that closer economic interdependence would ensure that centuries-old enemies never again turn on each other. The EU is now made up of 500 million people in 27 nations, with others lined up to join.

"If we ask Europeans anywhere, in any country, of any age, including the youngest ones, they can't imagine that there could be war in Europe today. It's over," said former French President Valerie Giscard d'Estaing, who was born in Germany, fought in World War II and drafted the first version of the EU constitution.

Jacques Delors, often dubbed Mr. Europe for his efforts as European Commission president to push toward greater unity in the 1980s and '90s, said the prize was "a great satisfaction for the founding fathers of Europe, and all the activists for the European cause over the years who tried to make progress on what was for them, at the outset, a dream."

"The European construction is a work of peace. It was meant to reconcile people," Delors said.

White House spokesman Tommy Vietor congratulated the EU in a statement released Friday evening. "We have no stronger partner than Europe and are pleased to see it recognized for its achievements," he said.

But if economic ties once brought peace, they are now putting European unity at risk. The economic crisis has stirred tensions between north and south, caused unemployment to soar and sent hundreds of thousands of people into the streets to protest tax hikes and job cuts.

The bloc's financial disarray is threatening the euro—the common currency used by 17 of its members—and fueling the rise of extremist movements such as Golden Dawn in Greece. The party, branded as neo-Nazi by opponents, has



European Union

The EU has become the 24th organization to win the Nobel Peace Prize, which it was awarded for its contributions to the "advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe."

The EU at a glance

- **Economic and political partnership among 27 European countries**
- **Created in 1957 as the European Economic Community, a pact among six countries, then evolved into the European Community and more countries joined**
- **Became EU in 1993**
- **Population More than 500 million**
- **GDP \$17.3 trillion; \$34,500 per person**
- **Political situation**
Governed by rule of law; as political entity, has no border disputes; citizens can move freely among nations

© 2012 MCT

Source: Europa, CIA World Factbook
Graphic: Pat Carr

soared in popularity as Greece sinks deeper into a debt-fueled morass.

Marine Le Pen, head of the far-right National Front in France, told AP Television

News that the EU is "massively rejected by Europeans" and doesn't deserve the prize.

"This is practically a provocation considering the suffering of millions of Europeans who

today see themselves led by the European Union to a veritable economic and social war," she said. "Three years ago, it was Barack Obama who won it while he was engaged in military wars. So this Nobel Peace Prize has actually become a Nobel prize of war."

Nobel committee chairman Thorbjørn Jagland said the committee had no position on how to solve the continent's economic crisis.

"But we send a very strong message that we should keep in mind why we got this Europe after World War II," he said. "We should do everything we can to safeguard it, not let it disintegrate and let the extremism and nationalism grow again."

The road ahead remains difficult.

European leaders enjoyed a period of relative calm over the summer, when it seemed they had built the more centralized institutions that many economists believe are necessary to the stability of the common currency.

But now there are what the economist De Grauwe called "rear guard battles" in which some EU states, notably Germany, appear to be trying to undo or dilute some of those accomplishments, including a proposed banking union and the ability of the European Central Bank to reduce countries' borrowing costs by buying sovereign bonds.

And perhaps the biggest challenge of all is restoring growth to a region where the economies of many are shrinking. That is unlikely to happen, De Grauwe said, unless EU leaders relax their unrelenting drive for austerity, through which they are creating what he called "a recession that could have been avoided."

Those hit by this recession were not impressed by the prize.

"The peace prize?" asked Giorgos Dertilis, who works at an insurance company in Athens. "The way things are going, what will happen in the immediate future? Peace is the one thing we might not have."

George Tzogopoulos, a political analyst from the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, said the prize might help people understand the role the EU has played in preserving peace. But it could also be viewed as "a hypocritical gesture, because the European Union has so far completely failed to deal with the social dimension of the crisis

and problems like poverty and unemployment."

Still, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said the Nobel committee had made a "wonderful decision," and linked it to efforts to salvage the euro, even though the judges didn't mention the common currency.

"I often say the euro is more than a currency. We shouldn't forget this in these weeks and months in which we work for the strengthening of the euro," Merkel told reporters at the Chancellery in Berlin. The euro "has always primarily been about the original idea of Europe as a community of peace and values."

Strong reactions to the choice for the \$1.2 million award cracked Friday over social media.

"The EU is a unique project that replaced war with peace, hate with solidarity. Overwhelming emotion for awarding of (hash)Nobel prize to EU," Martin Schulz, president of the European Parliament, wrote on Twitter.

"Nobel prize for the EU. At a time Brussels and all of Europe is collapsing in misery. What next? An Oscar for Van Rompuy?" said Dutch euro-skeptic lawmaker Geert Wilders, referring to Herman Van Rompuy, president of the European Council.

Normally, the prize committee either honors lifetime achievement or promotes a work in progress.

This year's award does both, Jagland said, noting it "looks backward as well as forward" by recognizing the EU's historic role in building peace, even as nationalist forces that once tore the continent apart are again on the rise.

The citation noted the democratic reforms the EU demands of nations who join. It referred to Greece, Spain and Portugal, which joined in the 1980s after emerging from dictatorships, and to the talks with Balkan nations seeking membership following bloody wars in the 1990s.

Europe's stumbling economy is making it harder for economies around the world to recover and international policymakers are urging more decisive action from the region's governments to deal with the crippling debt crisis.

The region is the United States' largest export customer and any fall-off in demand will hurt U.S. businesses—as well as Obama's election prospects.

Health & Fitness

Mass. pharmacy founder had background in recycling

By JAY LINDSAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON (AP)—The pharmacy linked to the nation's deadly outbreak of meningitis is owned by two brothers-in-law who brought different but complementary skills to the venture: One's a pharmacist, the other a risk-taking businessman who made his mark recycling old computers, fishing rope and mattresses.

Now the New England Compounding Center and its practices are under scrutiny as investigators try to determine how a steroid solution supplied by the pharmacy apparently became contaminated with a fungus. The drug has sickened nearly 200 people in 12 states, killing 15. Most of the patients had received spinal injections of the steroid for back pain.

NECC was founded in 1998 by Barry Cadden and Gregory Conigliaro as a compounding pharmacy, a laboratory

that custom-mixes solution, creams and other medicines in dosages and forms that often are unavailable from pharmaceutical companies.

Cadden, who is married to Conigliaro's sister, Lisa, had the medical know-how behind NECC, earning a pharmacy degree from the University of Rhode Island. In a 2002 newsletter, he wrote that compounding had rebounded, after falling off when pharmaceutical companies began manufacturing drugs in the 1950s and '60s, and could help patients with painful conditions that demand "novel approaches."

Cadden, 45, backed his belief in compounding with a 2005 donation of between \$2,500 and \$5,000 to the legal defense fund of the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists. The group wrote in a 2009 brochure: "To continue to champion the cause of pharmacy compounding and contend with entities such as FDA, we must not

only be equipped with fighting words, but fighting dollars as well."

Conigliaro, 46, is a Tufts University-educated engineer and a member of the Air National Guard, from which he retired as a lieutenant colonel in 2007. He started Conigliaro Industries in 1991.

The company contended that pretty much anything could be recycled, and it did so in creative ways.

Conigliaro and his father, also an engineer, developed Boston's Best Patch, a pothole-filling mix that included the plastic housing from discarded computers. The company's Plas Crete Wall Blocks combine cement, sand, water and recycled plastic. Conigliaro Industries also boasts that it figured out how to recycle up to 90 percent of a discarded mattress.

And when regulators ordered that lobster traps be fitted with ropes that sink to the bottom so that endangered whales would not become entangled, Conigliaro took the discarded plastic lines and resold them to recycling plants, according to the National Oce-

anic and Atmospheric Administration.

(Cadden's wife is also an entrepreneur, having received a patent in 2002 for a "pillow feeding sleeve" to aid breastfeeding mothers by lifting their babies' heads.)

Conigliaro's success at the recycling company was repeated at the compounding pharmacy, and in 2006, the partners started another pharmacy, Ameridose, which would eventually report annual revenue of \$100 million—more than 10 times NECC's. Ameridose products haven't been linked to any problems, but the pharmacy in Westborough has ceased operations while state and federal authorities inspect it.

Cadden has surrendered his pharmacy license and resigned from Ameridose. Neither man responded to requests for comment; a company spokesman said they are focused on helping investigators in the meningitis outbreak.

Some pharmacists who have done business with NECC said they were

blindsided by the crisis.

"A great company to work with, very responsive to our needs," said Joe Allesandrini, assistant vice president of clinical services at South Jersey Healthcare. "This is, as I'm sure you're hearing from other people, a shock to us."

State officials have inspected NECC at various times, most recently last March, following a complaint about the potency of a product used in eye surgery. The results of that inspection have not been released, and state officials said the complaint appears unrelated to the meningitis outbreak.

However, NECC was licensed only to fill individual patients' prescriptions, state officials said. Authorities said it may have been operating beyond its legal boundaries by shipping products for broad use around the country. Compounding pharmacies are more lightly regulated than pharmaceutical makers, and their products are not subject to Food and Drug Administration approval.

Meningitis outbreak: Questions and answers

By AMINA KHAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The toll in the nationwide fungal meningitis outbreak has risen to 15 dead, linked to a tainted back pain treatment from a Massachusetts compounding facility. Health officials continue to investigate the cause, with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reporting Thursday that some 14,000 patients in 23 states have been injected with the potentially tainted steroid, which was recalled last week.

Here's a closer look at the state of the outbreak.

Question: What is meningitis?

Answer: Meningitis is an infection that causes inflammation of the meninges, the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord. The infection can be viral, bacterial or fungal. Those who have become sick as a result of the recent outbreak are suffering from a fungal variety.

Fungal meningitis is extremely rare, though it can be caused by spores commonly found in the environment. Thus far, laboratory testing by the CDC has identified the fungus *Exserohilum* in 10 infected people and *Aspergillus* in one other person.

Q: Is fungal meningitis contagious?

A: No, the infection can't travel from person to person. The fungus infects people once it's injected into the central nervous system.

Other types of meningitis are contagious. According to the CDC, the bacterial variety can be passed through nose and throat fluids (such as during kissing), and the viral variety is often spread by fecal contamination (when people don't wash hands after using the toilet).

Q: What are the symptoms of fungal meningitis?

A: They can include weakness, worsened back pain, stiff necks, mild headaches, light sensitivity, fever and slurred speech. The symptoms can be slight, the CDC says.

Q: What is the source of the outbreak?

A: Investigators have linked it to a steroid treatment that is injected into the spinal column to alleviate back pain. This is a very common procedure—millions of patients receive injections each year, said Dr. Shaheda Quraishi, a physiatrist at the Cushing Neuroscience Institute on Long Island in New York.

The drug in question—preservative-free methylprednisolone acetate—came from the New England Compounding Center in Framingham, Mass. Three tainted batches of the steroid were sent to 75 medical facilities in 23 states. NECC has since shut down and recalled all of its products.

Thus far, Tennessee has been hit hardest by the outbreak, with six deaths.

Q: Why was the steroid injection preservative free?

A: Preservatives can cause arachnoiditis, an inflammation of the arachnoid layer of the spinal cord and brain, Quraishi said. Some patients may also have allergies. So it's generally best to avoid putting them in epidural injections.

Q: Who is at risk?

A: People who have had an injection and who are experiencing any symptoms should contact a doctor as soon as possible, the CDC said.

The incubation period is usually between one and four weeks, but the

CDC says infections have been known to surface outside that window, and the contaminated steroid could have been given as early as May 21.

Q: What is a compounding facility?

A: These facilities are set up to create medicines that are tailored to a specific patient's needs. They can take a manufacturer's drug and raise or lower the dose or change it from solid to liquid form. They've grown popular with smaller clinics and private practices as a more affordable alternative to buying drugs in bulk straight from manufacturers, Quraishi said.

Q: How did the fungus get into the steroid in the first place?

A: It's unclear—the CDC's investigation is ongoing on that point. Experts from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health are assisting.

"Something like this should never happen," Quraishi said. "That's the bottom line."

Q: Who oversees the safety of compounding facilities?

A: Although the FDA regulates drug manufacturers, it does not have the same authority over drug compounders such as NECC.

This week, lawmakers in Washington called for a congressional investigation of the outbreak. "This incident raises serious concerns about the scope of the practice of pharmacy compounding in the United States and the current patchwork of federal and state laws and systems that oversee this practice," Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., and others wrote in a letter to the leaders of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Personal Trainer

Staying active when you travel

Some tips to help keep in shape when hitting the road for business or vacation:

Early bird
Exercise first thing in the morning, before getting involved in meetings or other activities

Ease up
To prevent injuries or other complications, exercise less intensively than usual; aim for maintaining, rather than improving, fitness

Wild water
Remember that ocean swimming can be more dangerous than swimming in a calm lake, even for strong swimmers; don't swim alone

Adjustments
At higher altitudes, avoid exercise for a day or two so your body can adjust to the lower air pressure

In hot or humid climates, drink more fluids than usual to prevent dehydration

In cities with serious air pollution, avoid outdoor exercise during the morning and evening rush hours

Source: The Wellness Guide to Lifelong Fitness Graphic: Paul Trap © 2012 MCT

Life & Style

Libel trial to focus on Britney Spears' meltdown



This Jan. 31, 2008 video frame grab release by AP Television shows Sam Lutfi leaving UCLA medical center after visiting Britney Spears in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Britney Spears' darkest days are about to be revisited in a Los Angeles courtroom, but not by the resurgent pop singer.

Instead jurors will begin hearing testimony next week on claims by Spears' former manager that he was vilified and unfairly blamed for the singer's public meltdown more than four years ago. Spears' parents are defendants and will likely testify, but the panel won't hear directly from the Grammy winner.

Former Spears confidante Sam Lutfi is seeking millions of dollars from Spears and her

family, claiming her mother's book lied about him drugging and isolating the pop superstar. He is also seeking a portion of the singer's profits, claiming he was a key player in her 2007 album "Blackout" and had the right to serve as her manager for years.

Instead, the singer spent much of that time recovering under a court-ordered conservatorship, with her father and fiancé continuing to exert control over her personal life. It is highly unlikely the star will be a witness during the trial, although a judge has said she will consider a request by Lut-

fi's attorney to call Spears as a witness mid-trial if necessary.

A probate judge overseeing Spears' conservatorship has ruled that the singer's caretakers should not allow her to testify "under any circumstances." Lutfi's attorney has cited the singer's record tour and her current role as a judge on Fox's "The X Factor" as reasons for why the singer should

testify, but he may have to settle for the testimony of Spears' divorced parents, father Jamie Spears and mother Lynne Spears.

Jury selection began Friday and will continue on Tuesday, with opening statements expected later in the week.

The case is the culmination of years of acrimony between Lutfi and Spears' family and

conservators, who successfully obtained a restraining order against him to keep him from contacting the singer or trying to intervene in her life. The order has expired, but conservatorship attorneys are seeking repayment for more than \$93,000 in legal fees—a judgment Lutfi is appealing.

Lutfi sued in February 2009, roughly a year after Spears

was hospitalized and placed under the conservatorship to take control of her health and finances. The move by Jamie Spears came after months of erratic behavior by his daughter, including shaving her head, speaking in a British accent and other bizarre incidents that also led to her losing custody of her two sons with ex-husband Kevin Federline.

Maria Terlaje Ada-Lizama

"Marian Aguas"

Born to life on February 03, 1935 and was called to her eternal rest on October 10, 2012 at the age of 77

In Her New Life; She Now Joins Her:

Husband: †Jose San Nicolas Lizama better known as "Josen Pinalek"
Father: †Vicente Delos Reyes Ada
Mother: †Remedio Terlaje Ada
Father In-Law: †Juan Naputi Lizama
Mother In-Law: †Francisca San Nicolas Lizama
Children: †Miguel Ada, †Ana Ada, †Martin Ada & †Priscilla A. Lizama-Leon Guerrero
Grand Daughter: †Nadine Janelle T. Lizama
Great Grand Daughter: †Devine Lorraine C. Castro
Sisters & Sister In-Law: †Ana T. Ada, †Rosa T. Ada, †Merced A. Aguon, †Teresita A. Pangelinan, †Soledad S. Ada, †Theodora C. Ada and †Lydia L. Pangelinan
Brothers & Brothers In-Law: †Francisco T. Ada, †Juan T. Ada, †Isidro Pangelinan, †Jose Sn. Lizama, †Luis Sn. Lizama, †Pedro Sn. Lizama, †Antonio Sn. Lizama, †David Jesus and †Sanderson B. Santos

Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of Her:

Children & Spouses: Pedro T./Ruth M. Ada (Children), Jose A. Jr./Rosa T. Lizama (Children), Lucia L./Leandro S. Montealegre (Children), Asunta L. Palacios (Children), Luis A./Admanita (Children), Dionicio A./Virginia M. Lizama (Children), Joaquin A./Edilyn D. Lizama (Children), Benjamin A./Nilda M. Lizama (Children), Barbara L./Franklin B. Mundo (Children), Rita L./Noel T. Chargualaf (Children), Leonina L./Eugenio V. Castro (Children) & †Priscilla A. Lizama-Leon Guerrero (Children)

Rear Child: Joshua L./Ashley J. Leon Guerrero (Joshua Justin)

Sisters In-Law: Carol I. Ada, Maria L./Vicente C. Terlaje, Rosa L. Jesus, Magdalena L./Daniel Ubedei, Ana L./Joseph E. Santos, Remedio L./Joseph T. Babauta, Maria B. Lizama and Martha J. Lizama

Brothers & Brother In-Law: Jose T. Ada, Isidro T. Ada, Vicente T. Ada/Bernadita Mendiola, Ignacio T. Ada, Henry T./Susan Ada, Jose/Amy Aguon, Manuel Sn./Dolores A. Lizama, Juan Sn./Florentina A. Lizama, Jesus Sn./Trinidad A. Lizama and Juan O./Aida B. Pangelinan

Daily Mass of Intentions is being celebrated daily at 6:00AM except for Sunday, mass will be at 7:30AM at San Jose Church.

On Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 7:30am Her remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to the Mount Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service and Holy Rosary will immediately take place upon her arrival. Mass Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00AM followed by interment service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Your thoughts, presence and prayers are greatly appreciated

Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You

Children and Families of the late
 †Jose SN. and †Maria A. Lizama

Actor, TV host Gary Collins dies at 74 in Miss.

BILOXI, Miss. (AP)—Gary Collins, an actor, television show host and former master of ceremonies for the Miss America Pageant, died Saturday, authorities said. He was 74.

Collins, a resident of Biloxi, Miss., died of natural causes just before 1 a.m. Saturday after he was admitted Friday evening to Biloxi Regional Medical Center, according to Harrison County Coroner Gary Hargrove.

During the 1980s, Collins hosted the Miss America pageant and the television shows "Hour Magazine"—for which he won a Daytime Emmy in 1983—and "The Home Show."

As an actor, he appeared in numerous movies and was a fixture on television in the 1960s and 1970s, playing a variety of guest roles in comedies and dramas including "Perry Mason," "The Love Boat" and "Ironside," among others. He also starred in regular series including "The Wackiest Ship in the Army" and "The Iron Horse"

in the 1960s and the "The Sixth Sense" in the 1970s.

He kept acting for decades, appearing as late as 2009 in an episode of the TV show "Dirty Sexy Money."

Collins was married to former Miss America and Mississippi native Mary Ann Mobley.



Collins

Best known as a handsome and amiable on-air personality, his public image suffered at times because of run-ins with the law.

In 2009, he pleaded guilty in Santa Barbara, Calif., to misdemeanor driving under the influence—his third offense. In 2010, he was fined \$500 in Jackson, Miss., for leaving the scene of a traffic accident.

Last year, a Harrison County judge dismissed charges against Collins for allegedly leaving a Biloxi restaurant without paying his bill. Dismissal came after a restaurant employee asked to withdraw his complaint in the case.

Information on funeral arrangements was not available Saturday afternoon.

Weapons charges dropped in Madonna stalking case



Madonna performs on the "MDNA" tour at Staples Center on Wednesday Oct. 10, 2012 in Los Angeles.

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York City judge has dismissed weapons charges against a former firefighter who was arrested outside Madonna's apartment building two years ago.

Police say Robert Linhart

parked his SUV outside the Material Girl's Central Park West apartment, laid out a tarp and spray-painted poster boards with love notes. One said, "Madonna, I need you." Another read: "Tell me yes or no. If it's

yes, my dream will come true. If it's no, I will go."

The New York Post reports (<http://bit.ly/TfbUiR>) that Manhattan state Supreme Court Judge Analisa Torres ruled Friday that police improperly seized a gravity

knife and an ice pick from Linhart when they arrested him.

A resisting-arrest charge is still pending.

Linhart's lawyer, Lawrence LaBrew, says Linhart maintains his innocence.

Writer Peter Berg accuses Romney of plagiarism

The Boss will campaign for Obama in Ohio, Iowa

WASHINGTON (AP)—Bruce Springsteen will be back campaigning for President Barack Obama.

The musician will join former President Bill Clinton at a Thursday rally in Parma, Ohio, two days after the second presidential debate. Obama will not attend the rally.

Springsteen also will appear at a campaign event Thursday in Ames, Iowa.

Springsteen campaigned for Obama in 2008, but these will be his first political appearances of the 2012 cycle. Clinton is a prominent campaigner for Obama.

Clinton and Springsteen's joint appearance in Ohio underscores the importance of the key swing state. Polls show Obama with a slight lead there over Mitt Romney, but the Republican presidential candidate is spending an increasing amount of time and resources in the state ahead of Election Day.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The creator of TV's "Friday Night Lights" is accusing Mitt Romney of plagiarizing a phrase from the show to use as a campaign slogan.

Peter Berg wrote a letter to Romney on Friday saying he's "not thrilled" that the Republican presidential candidate is using the phrase "Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can't Lose" on campaign posters and his Facebook page.

On the TV show, a small-town Texas football coach uses



In this June 2011 file photo, actor and director Peter Berg arrives at the Chrysalis Butterfly Ball in Los Angeles.

Cyrus trespasser sentenced to 18 months in jail

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A man convicted of trespassing at Miley Cyrus' Los Angeles home has been sentenced to a year and a half in jail.

Superior Court Judge Dennis Mulcahy sentenced Jason Luis Rivera to the jail term Friday. A

jury convicted Rivera of misdemeanor trespassing and resisting arrest one day earlier.

The 40-year-old has been jailed since his arrest on Sept. 8. Authorities say he was caught at Cyrus' home carrying a pair of scissors.

Actress Taryn Manning charged with assault in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—Prosecutors say actress Taryn Manning attacked and choked her personal assistant in a New York City hotel room.

The New York Post (<http://bit.ly/W2TAji>) and Daily News (<http://nydn.us/TlxkKW>) report that Manning was arraigned Friday after an early morning fight

the day before with assistant Hollann Hartman inside the Dream Hotel in Chelsea.

Manning is charged with misdemeanor assault.

She spent more than 24 hours locked up before she was released.

The 33-year-old Manning is best known for playing Emi-

ly the phrase to inspire his players before taking the field.

Berg's agent distributed the letter to the media. In it, the writer-director-actor says Romney's politics and campaign aren't aligned with the themes of the TV series.

Berg goes on to thank the governor for supporting the show but says, "Please come up with your own campaign slogan."

The Romney campaign did not respond to a request for comment.

Police say Rivera told officers he was a friend of the singer-actress and he repeatedly threw himself against an outside wall as if trying to break in.

Cyrus was not home during the incident.

nem's ex-girlfriend in the 2002 movie "8 Mile."

Her lawyer, Joseph Tacopina, says Manning and the assistant got into a confrontation but it was not an assault. He says it was "a little misunderstanding between the two."

Manning is due back in court Nov. 13.

Single guy's dating game is fodder for office gossip

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



DEAR ABBY: I work in a professional office where nearly all my co-workers are married and live rather uneventful lifestyles. I was divorced a few years ago and have not remarried.

I have dated a lot of women, and it has become an issue with my co-workers. They insist on hearing about the dates I go on and ask for the details of what took place, and I usually oblige them.

Lately, there has been more and more gossip about my so-called "wild lifestyle," and I have become the talk of the office. Some co-workers have called me names like "skank" because I refuse to settle down with one girl. I'm looking for the right one, and it may take many wrong ones to get there.

I think my co-workers are jealous. I'm living my life to the fullest and having fun and because they can't do what I do, they resort to gossip and name-calling. It really frustrates me. How can I make this stop without causing unnecessary tensions in my workplace?

MAN IN MOTION IN INDIANA

DEAR MAN IN MOTION: You are not a "skank." You are a bachelor. I hope you realize that you started this by regaling your co-workers with the intimate details of your "adventures." None of it was appropriate workplace conversation. If you want this to stop, you'll have to draw an iron curtain between your work life and your social life. Start today.

DEAR ABBY: I am engaged and have been for a while. From the beginning I knew my fiancé and I would have to pay for our own wedding. During a recent discussion with my father (who is divorced from my mother), he offered to chip in a reasonable amount and asked me to see if my mother would match it. My mother thought it was a great idea and agreed. A week or so later she wrote me a check for the amount and I deposited it into my savings account.

At the time, I had a high-paying job and a "roundabout" wedding date set. I have since left my job and the wedding has been postponed indefinitely. My mother has now requested that I return the money because she's behind on bills.

Frankly, I think it is inappropriate for her to ask me to return "her" money when it was a gift that I did not request at the time. Am I wrong, or should she leave the money be?

ENGAGED IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ENGAGED: When your mother gave you the money toward your wedding, BOTH of your financial situations were different than they are today. This isn't a question of etiquette. Because you won't be needing it in the near future, return the money to your mother so she can pay her bills. It's not as if she'll be using it for a Caribbean cruise. She needs the money!

DEAR ABBY: My daughter and her husband have a wonderful little boy, "Matthew," who is 3. They say they don't plan on having any more children. I am upset that they won't be giving my grandson a sibling. They claim the reason is to be earth-friendly, but I think it is selfish. I know my urging won't change the situation, but it weighs heavily on my mind and makes me sad for Matthew.

My daughter has a brother she is close to. Her husband has two siblings. I think the main reason they don't want any more children is my son-in-law is 17 years older than my daughter. Is there any good way for me to tell her how upset this makes me?

DISAPPOINTED IN OREGON

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: No, there isn't. There may be reasons that go beyond your son-in-law's age for their decision to limit the size of their family to one child. And they are none of your business.

CLASSIFIED ADS



CLASSIFIEDS RATES AND POLICIES

Saipan Tribune’s Classifieds Section gives you the right exposure without hurting your pockets. Stretch your dollar and get results.

CLASSIFIED LINER ADS

Saipan Tribune also offers a Super Saver Package—a complete 6-day run on both print and online edition, for as low as \$27 for garage sales, apartment rentals, help wanted, auto and more. You can choose from any of the packages below.

ADS	(PRINT)	COMBO (PRINT AND ONLINE)
• 3-Liner	\$15	\$27
• 5-Liner	\$24	\$39
• 3-Liner with picture	\$24	\$42
• 5-Liner with picture	\$36	\$57

ADVERTISING DEADLINE

Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted before 12 noon 2 days prior to publication date

Saturday Issue:
■ All ads placed Friday before 12 noon will come out Saturday issue and anything placed thereafter will be published on Monday issue.

CANCELLATION

Classified Ads

Cancellations should be made before 12 noon of the day prior to date of publication.

REFUNDS

Refunds will only be made if cancellation deadlines are met. No refunds will be made once ad is already printed.

CHECK YOUR ADS

Saipan Tribune will not be responsible for errors after the first day of publication. Errors should be called in before noon of the issue date. Saipan Tribune reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

ADVERTISING POLICY

All advertising in the Saipan Tribune are subject to applicable rate sheet, copies of which are available from the Advertising Sales Department (please call 235-8747, 235-2769 or 235-6397). All ads will be subject to approval prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit, refuse, reject or cancel any ad at any time. Also, Saipan Tribune reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

Looking to BUY
FJ Cruiser & Jeep Wrangler
or any other brand
Year 2009 and above
Will pay CASH • Call 483-8866

QQ RENT A CAR
Starting as low as... **\$29.99**
without Insurance
Call: 233-8855, 483-8866 or 233-8866
\$100 Security Deposit Required
Garapan • Susupe • San Antonio
Some conditions may apply

St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc.
Job Vacancy Announcement

REGISTERED NURSE (1 POSITION)

- Must pass NCLEX-RN and current CNMI RN License
- Attended a hemodialysis training program.
- Must hold a degree in Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- One to five years hemodialysis experience or related field
- English language Skills - Proficient in verbal, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Certified Nephrology Nurse (CNN) – Preferred
- In-service train with Baxter phoenix machine.
- Experience with Ameriwater bicarbonate distribution system.

Interested applicants must submit applications or resume to **St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc.,** at Chalan Kiya, Saipan.

RAMON K. QUICHOCHO, ESQ. (CNMI Bar No. F0243)
LAW OFFICES OF RAMON K. QUICHOCHO, LLC
Karissa Center, 1st Floor, Pale' Arnold Rd., Gualo Rai
P.O. Box 505621
Saipan, MP 96950

Tel.: 670.234.8946
Fax: 670.234.8920
Email: karissa129@gmail.com

Attorney for Plaintiffs

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JANET U. MARATITA, RAY ANTHONY N. YUMUL, for themselves and on behalf of the taxpayers of the CNMI and the ratepayers of CUC, AND THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH SENATE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BENIGNO R. FITAL, EDWARD T. BUCKINGHAM COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION, AND SAIPAN DEVELOPMENT, LLC,

Defendants.

TO: EDWARD T. BUCKINGHAM

YOU ARE HERBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the First Amended Complaint, which is served herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Plaintiffs' attorney, Ramon K. Quichoco, Esq., whose address is:

LAW OFFICES OF RAMON K. QUICHOCHO, LLC
Karissa Center, 1st Floor, Pale' Arnold Rd., Gualo Rai
P.O. Box 505621
Saipan, MP 96950

as soon as practicable after filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of the Superior Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the First Amended Complaint.

By order of this Court, dated this 30th day of August, 2012.

BERNADITA A. SABLAN
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk

Robert Tenorio Torres
Attorney at Law
Plata Drive, Whispering Palms
(Chalan Kiya)
P.O. Box 503758
Saipan, MP 96950
Tel: (670) 234-7859
Fax: (670) 234-5749

Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,

vs.

DAISY O. SANTOS, Defendant.

Civil Action No. 11-0201

NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

Date: October 24, 2012
Time: 9:00 am
Judge: Hon. Robert C. Naraja

TO DEFENDANT DAISY O. SANTOS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Plaintiff Bank of Guam has filed a Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter. The hearing on said Motion will be heard on October 24, 2012, at 9:00am, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2012.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

WHATZIT Solution: Without a doubt

WANTED TO BUY

Looking for used cars Year 2003 & up and Truck. Good condition. We pay cash!. Call 287-7676.

FOR RENT - RESIDENTIAL

Fina Sisu Apt., 1-BR, 1-BTH, FF, AC, BU Genset/24-hr water, security, laundry room, free Wi-Fi & ample parking. Close to NMC campus. MIHA applicants accepted. \$250/mo. Pls. visit our website www.saipan-properties.com. Call for an appointment 235-6527/8 or 285-1317.

Fina Sisu Apt., 2-BR, 1-BTH, FF, AC, BU Genset/24-hr water, security, laundry room, free Wi-Fi & ample parking. Close to NMC campus. MIHA applicants accepted. \$450-\$550/mo. Pls. visit our website www.saipan-properties.com. Call for an appointment 235-6527/8 or 285-1317.

Lower Navy Hill Apts. Newly renovated bldg., 3BR & 2BTH. Rooms w/ A/C & fully furnished. Back-up generator. Free Wi-Fi, EPA Solar Water Heater. Laundry area. Nighttime security. \$450/mo. Call for an appointment 235-6527/28 or 285-1317.

Ocean View Terraces. Luxury 2BR & 1BTH Apts w/private balcony & beautiful view. Rooms w/ A/C & Fully Furnished. Back-up Generator. Free Wi-Fi. Laundry Area. Nighttime security. \$600/mo. Pls. visit our website www.saipan-properties.com. Call for an appointment 235-6527/28 or 285-1317.

Sunset View Terraces. Luxury 2BR & 1BTH Apts w/private balcony & beautiful view. Rooms w/ A/C & Fully Furnished. Back-up Generator. Free Wi-Fi. Laundry Area. Nighttime security. \$550. Pls. visit our website www.saipan-properties.com. Call for an appointment 235-6527/28 or 285-1317.

GOLDEN CROWN CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - ACCOUNTANT
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full Time

- College degree major in accounting.
- Minimum 5 years progressive work experience in accounting.
- Good organization and planning skills
- Proficient in Quickbooks Accounting Software

Mail resume to:
P.O. Box 502003 CK, Saipan,
MP 96950, U.S.A.
Tel: 235-0129 - Fax: 235-8656

MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ. F0122
THE LAW OFFICES OF
MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC
POST OFFICE BOX 5222
SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950
TEL: (670) 234-6547
FAX: (670) 234-9537

ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH UTILITES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

-v-

LESLIE GOTTWALD, Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0196

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to Complaint, a copy which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of our answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED, this 27th day of September, 2012 by order of the Court:

/s/ Clerk of Court

JOE HILL, Esq.,
HILL LAW OFFICEES
P.O. Box 500917, Saipan, MP 96950
Phone: (670) 234-6806/7743
Fax: (670) 234-7753

Attorney for Petitioner

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARLON DELA ROSA PINEDA, Petitioner,

Versus

ANNABEL M. BAU-PINEDA, Respondent.

FCD DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0442

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.

By order of the above Court:

Dated this 28th day of September, 2011.

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court
Superior Court

WHATZIT?
Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

doubot

www.facebook.com/dingbatgames

WHATZIT? © 2012 www.whatzit.com
C. Antebated by Universal U.S. OK

Subscribe to the CNMI's First Daily Newspaper
Call 235-NEWS

Saipan Tribune

Over 100 food stamp vouchers on hold

Opinion

Focus

Kagets JROTC does well in drill competition

More US Catholics take complaints to

Jeter out; Tigers beat Yanks in ALCS opener



NEW YORK
(AP)—The

New York Yankees lost the AL championship series opener and their captain when Derek Jeter broke his left ankle moments after Detroit's Delmon Young doubled home the go-ahead run in the 12th inning, giving the Tigers a 6-4 win Saturday night.

In a game of wild swings and wild swings of emotion, the Tigers took a 4-0 lead into the ninth before Raul Ibanez struck again, hitting a tying, two-run homer with two outs that turned a somber crowd into a delirious one.

And then came a little grounder up the middle that devastated the Yankees and their fans, who saw their leader writhing on the ground, screaming in pain.

Jeter dived to his left for the sharp grounder and winced in pain as he flipped the ball toward second base. He then rolled onto his stomach, and a collective gasp was heard when he stayed down.

Jeter remained on his side, rolling slightly, as trainer Steve Donahue and manager Joe Girardi checked him out. He was helped up, and he put an arm around Girardi and Donahue. They coaxed him off the field with Jeter not moving his left leg as chants of "Derek Jeter!" rang out.

"You can see the disappointment in his face," Girardi

"They talked about a three-month recovery period," Girardi said. "Won't jeopardize his career, but he will not be playing any more for us this year."

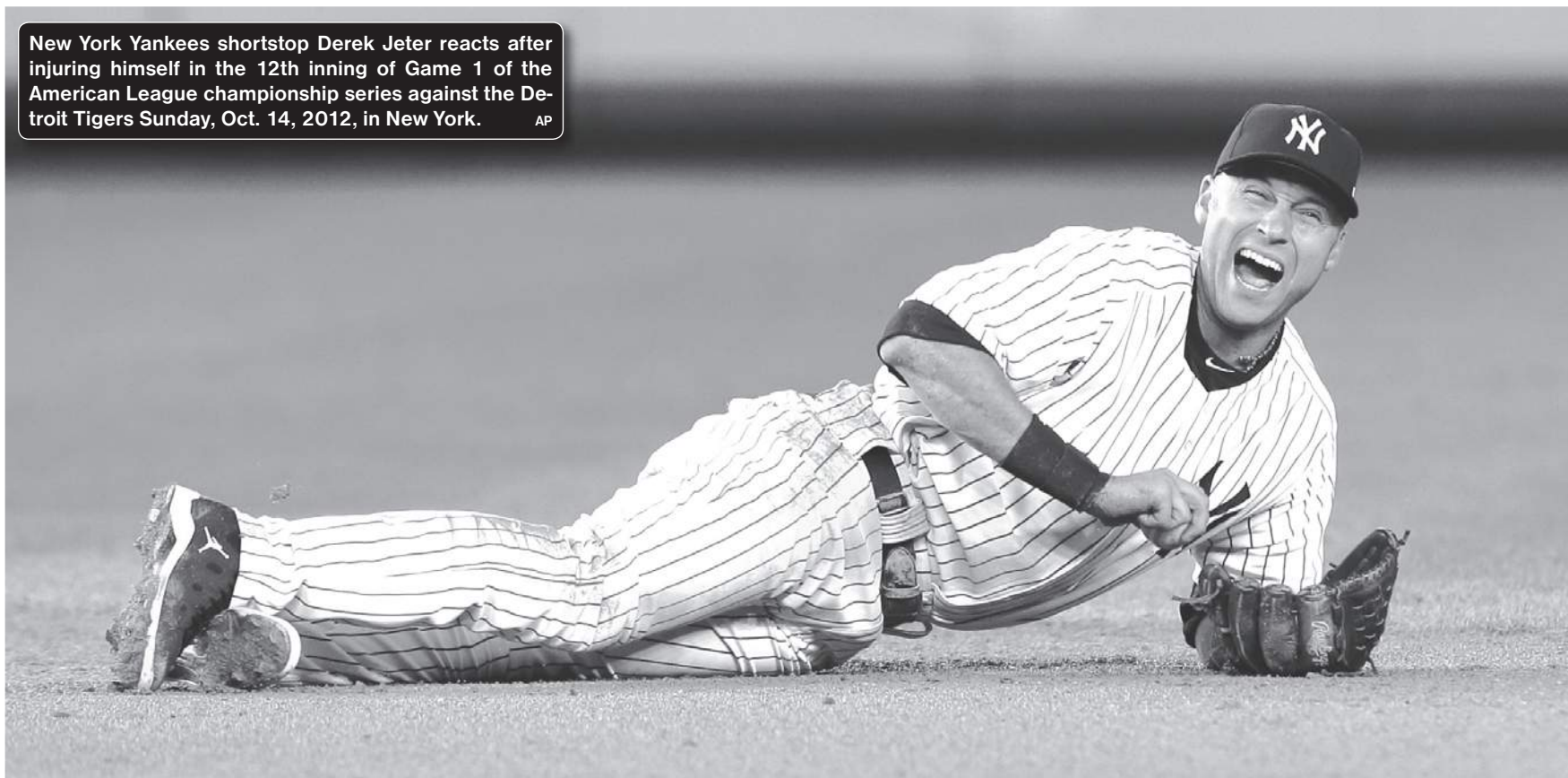
Jeter, who extended his career record earlier in the game with his 200th postseason hit, has been playing with a sore left foot for weeks. He joined closer Mariano Rivera on the sidelines. Rivera tore a knee ligament in May while shagging fly balls before a game in Kansas City.

"It is kind of a flashback to when Mo didn't get up," Girardi said. "Oh, boy, if he is not getting up, something's wrong. We have seen what he played through in the last month and a half, and the pain he has been in, and how he found a way to get (through) it. So it brought back a flashback for me."

Detroit was coasting toward a 4-0 win before the Yankees rocked Tigers closer Jose Valverde in the ninth.

Ichiro Suzuki started the comeback with a two-run homer with one out, and the 40-year-old Ibanez hit another two-run drive with two outs. Three nights earlier, Ibanez hit a tying home run in the ninth against Baltimore in Game 3 of the division series and another homer in the 12th to win it.

New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter reacts after injuring himself in the 12th inning of Game 1 of the American League championship series against the Detroit Tigers Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in New York. AP



Young's one-out double off David Phelps, which followed a leadoff walk by Triple

Crown winner Miguel Cabrera, sliced in right and eluded Nick Swisher, who appeared

ready to dive but couldn't get his glove out when he realized the ball was closer to him than

he had thought.

Young drove in three runs, hitting an RBI single in a two-

run sixth against Andy Pettitte, and a solo homer in the eighth against Derek Lowe.

Tigers rookie Avisail Garcia singled in a run against Boone Logan, and Andy Dirks added an RBI single in the 12th on a comebacker that glanced off Phelps' pitching hand.

Drew Smyly, who had started warming up in the third when starter Doug Fister took a line drive off his right wrist, got the win by pitching two scoreless innings.

In Game 2 on Sunday, New York will start Hiroki Kuroda, who will be pitching on three days' rest for the first time in his big league career. Detroit will send Anibal Sanchez to the mound.

Twenty-five of 42 previous Game 1 winners have gone on to take the AL pennant.

If the Yankees are going to go deep in the postseason they will have to do it without their durable star for the first time in 16 years.

The Yankees added reliever Cody Eppley to their active roster for the AL championship series against Detroit and dropped infielder Eduardo Nunez.

Detroit did not make any changes to its 25-man roster for the best-of-seven series. Teams had until 10 a.m. Saturday to submit their rosters.

Adding Eppley gives the Yankees 12 pitchers for the series. The 27-year-old right-hander was 1-2 with a 3.33 ERA in 46 innings over 59 relief appearances.

Nunez was 1 for 5 in the five-game division series win over Baltimore, starting Game 2 as the designated hitter and coming into two other games off the bench.

Detroit is carrying 11 pitchers.

Remarkable rally for Cardinals, Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—As many times as he gets asked, Cardinals closer Jason Motte still has no perfect answer for how St. Louis found a way to win at Washington after trailing 6-0 and advance to the NL championship series again.

"These guys just prove what big hearts they have and how much they go out there and work their butts off," said Motte, Friday night's winning pitcher in Game 5. "Someone asked me last night how we keep doing it, and I said, 'I don't know, maybe we're just stubborn. We just don't give up.' That's kind of how you have to be."

The San Francisco Giants get it, all right. They've been doing it the same way.

The last two World Series winners sure are showing their championship mettle in mid-October.

St. Louis manager Mike Matheny will watch the game again, once things slow down, so he can truly appreciate just what his Cardinals accomplished in beating the Nationals—the team with baseball's best record this season.

San Francisco skipper Bruce Bochy doesn't need another look to know how impressive the reigning World Series champions' ninth-inning comeback was for a 9-7 victory in the nation's capital.

Bochy's team had its own remarkable rally that's not quite

as fresh as the Cardinals' feat: Three road wins at Cincinnati to advance after dropping the first two games of the division series at home to the Reds.

They will face off in Game 1 of the NLCS on Sunday night at San Francisco's AT&T Park. Left-hander Madison Bumgarner gets the ball for the Giants against 6-foot-5 right-hander Lance Lynn.

"Both teams had their backs against the wall," Bochy said. "It's impressive what the Cardinals did. And, really, if you look at the game we had and the game they had, they were similar. We were up 6-0, barely hung on, and they found a way to get it done. ... I think that says a lot about the two clubs, the character of the clubs and how hard they fight—and it should be a really hard-fought series here."

Bumgarner, a 16-game winner this year, lost Game 2 of the NL division series here to Cincinnati. But the strong left-hander is not one to get rattled, and he gained his share of experience during the Giants' surprising run to the World Series title in 2010—the first for the franchise since moving West in 1958.

"I felt good last time, things just didn't go my way," Bumgarner said. "That's the way this game is."

While the Giants became the eighth team to erase a 2-0 deficit to win a best-of-five series

and first in major league history to do it on the road, the Cardinals earned the biggest comeback ever in a winner-take-all postseason game, according to STATS LLC.

"It really hasn't sunk in," Matheny said after an all-night, cross-country trip to the Bay Area. "I see a knockdown-drag out ahead of us. I'm certain Major League Baseball has to be very pleased with the caliber of baseball that's happened so far in this postseason. And I don't see any reason why the excitement wouldn't continue. We're looking at two well-rounded teams."

These clubs have played twice previously in the NLCS, most recently in 2002. The Barry Bonds-led Giants went on to the World Series only to fall short in the decisive Game 7 against the wild-card Angels after coming within six outs of a championship in Game 6.

Daniel Descalso hit a tying, two-out single, and Pete Kozma added a go-ahead, two-run single to lead the Cardinals' rally. Now, Descalso gets to play back home in his native Bay Area, where he grew up going to Athletics games across San Francisco Bay in Oakland.

"It was a long night for us," Descalso said. "It's nice we had this day off to kind of regroup and get a little rest. But it's hard not to be excited after a game like last night, the way that game ended, and to get

on a plane and fly all the way across country. We're still recovering."

The Giants, all the while, waited out the game on their team plane still parked on the tarmac in Cincinnati. Players gathered around iPads to watch the improbable comeback by a Cardinals club managed by former Giants catcher, Matheny.

The Cardinals have won all six of their games when facing elimination the past two years, down to their final strike not once but twice against the Texas Rangers in last year's World Series before prevailing.

This time, they faced the same situation against the team with a majors-best 98 wins.

"I don't why we do it. We love the dramatics. I'd like us to not keep waiting until the last strike," pitcher Kyle Lohse said, "because that's too much for my heart to handle."

The Giants barely beat St. Louis to the West Coast after getting delayed more than three hours as their plane refueled and dealt with mechanical problems.

Initially, the plane had enough fuel to take the NL West winners to Washington. Instead, the Giants got to come home. They landed at 5:09 a.m.

"Everyone was rooting and cheering for the Cardinals because we wanted to go home," third baseman Pablo Sandoval said.

NFL suspends Bucs' Talib for PED use



TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Tampa Bay's defense was jolted Saturday when the NFL suspended cornerback Aqib Talib four games without pay for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing substances. The fifth-year pro said in a statement released by the team that he took an Adderall pill without a prescription "around the beginning of training camp." He will not appeal the ban, which begins Sunday against the Kansas City Chiefs.

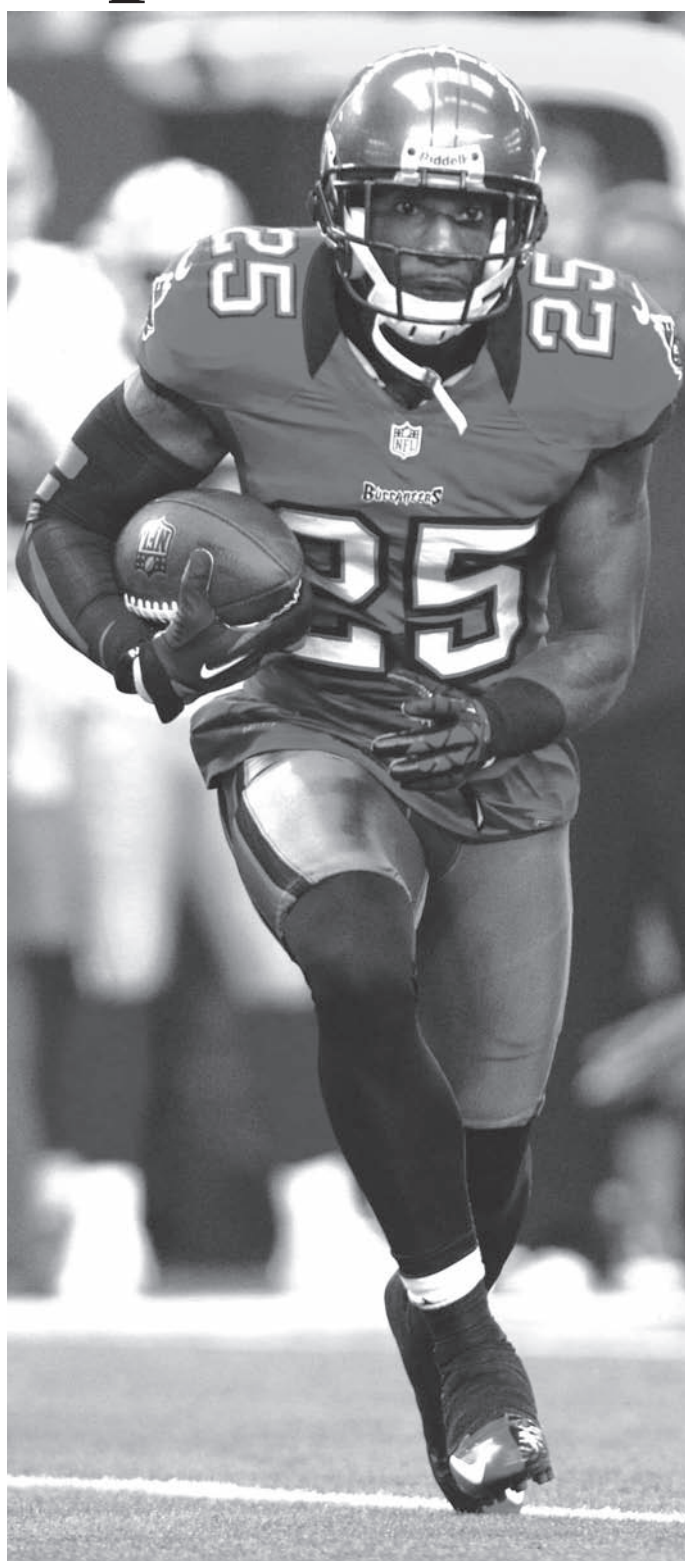
Talib was the 20th overall pick in the 2008 draft and is one of the team's top defenders with 18 career interceptions. He also will miss games against New Orleans, Minnesota and Oakland, becoming eligible to return to the active roster on Nov. 5, the day after Tampa Bay faces the Raiders.

"I have spoken with Aqib, and he knows that he made a poor decision that let our team down," Bucs first-year coach Greg Schiano said. "Certainly, other players will have the opportunity to step up while he serves this suspension."

It's the second suspension of Talib's career.

The 26-year-old was suspended without pay for the 2010 regular-season opener and also fined one additional game check for violating the NFL's personal-conduct policy. That discipline stemmed from an altercation with a St. Petersburg cab driver during training camp in August 2009.

"I made a mistake by taking an Adderall pill without a prescription. This is especially regrettable because, for the past several months, with Coach Schiano's help, I've worked very hard to improve myself—profession-



In this Sept. 23, 2012, photo, Tampa Bay Buccaneers cornerback Aqib Talib (25) runs with the ball after intercepting a pass by Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo during an NFL football game in Arlington, Texas.

ally and personally—as a player and a man," Talib said.

"I am truly sorry to my teammates, coaches and Buccaneers fans, and I'm disappointed in myself. I will work diligently every day of this suspension to stay in top football shape and be ready to help this team in the second half of the season," Talib added. "I have chosen to be immediately

accountable for the situation I put myself in, which is why I will not exercise my appeal rights and will begin serving the suspension immediately."

The Bucs placed Talib, who has one interception and a team-leading seven passes defended, on the reserve/suspended list. Defensive end Markus White was promoted from the practice

squad to fill the roster opening.

There was no immediate announcement on who'll step into Talib's spot in the starting lineup.

Fourth-year pro E.J. Biggers, who sat out the first three games of the season because of injury, and seldom-used third-year pro Myron Lewis are listed behind him on the depth chart.

New Jazz point guard Williams not afraid to talk



SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Mo Williams leaned over and made sure the young one knew what to expect.

Only in this case, he wasn't offering guidance to one of his youthful Utah Jazz teammates, he was talking to his fifth son, still in the womb and due on Feb. 1.

"I'm not missing any games," Williams said of conversations he's had when his wife tells him their unborn child is kicking and can hear him. "I already talked to (him) and we agreed it's going to be on the All-Star break.

"Obviously, I'll have to buy him a better car when he's 16. All my other kids get something like I had, a Ford Taurus or something. But it's a good deal."

The Jazz certainly are hoping the one they made for Williams is good as well and provides them with an upgrade over point guard Devin Harris.

One thing is already clear even if the Jazz are just a few days into preseason: Williams is a talker.

"He's not afraid to express himself, let people know how he feels," said Paul Millsap, the team's elder statesman and the only player remaining from Utah's 2010 playoff run. "That's good. That's a good

trait to have at the point guard position."

Williams' journey back to Salt Lake City already has been well-documented.

The Jazz drafted him No. 47 overall in 2003 and, in what personnel guru Kevin O'Connor still calls "my worst mistake," allowed Williams to leave for Milwaukee after just one season.

In late June, the Jazz got their man back, acquiring Williams in a multi-team deal that also sent Lamar Odom to the Clippers. Williams makes his preseason home debut Friday night against Oklahoma City.

O'Connor cited Williams' toughness, aggressiveness and work ethic and said he was a capable scorer, shooter and could provide leadership to a group that features four talented players 22 or younger in Derrick Favors, Gordon Hayward, Enes Kanter and Alec Burks.

Williams is confident he can be all of the above.

"It's just a little more learning the guys and chemistry, and obviously I'm still learning what they want because I want to be an extension of them. I want to be that coach on the court," he said.

There's no question Williams is a different person from the one who arrived in 2003 with a single suitcase after being bypassed in the first round.

"As a rookie, I was just happy to get five minutes a game," he said. "I was happy to be in the NBA. Now it's trying to win a championship, and my overall goal is when I see these young guys out there, to try to help them."

Last year in Los Angeles, however, hardly went the way Williams envisioned, and it hurt when the Clippers replaced him with not one but possibly two Hall of Fame point guards in Chris Paul and Chauncey Billups.

When he did play, he played angry but channeled it into something positive.

"It was tough at first on the bench," he said. "But overall it helped me become a better leader. ... I took it as whatever is in front of me, I'm going to make the best out of it. I think for the

most part I did."

He would go on to lead the Clippers in 3-point shooting (.389) and played well enough to finish eighth in the Sixth Man Award voting.

Fellow guard Randy Foye said knowing Williams had been traded to Utah is one reason he decided to sign as a free agent, having played with him in L.A.

own Williams since their prep days in Mississippi, when Williams was a senior at a bigger school.

"I thought he was the best player in the world," Jefferson of Williams, who turns 30 in December.

How they mesh now will go a long way in determining Utah's success on the court.

In the preseason opener, Williams scored Utah's first seven points and dished out six assists, but he also had four turnovers as he and his teammates started getting used to each other's style.

"He's learning what I'm asking from the ... leaders on this team," said Corbin, who took time to get to know Williams on the golf course this summer. "He's a talker, and it will help us going forward."

The Williams' boys already know that, even the one kicking up a fuss inside.

"When he's kicking, then I get down there and have a conversation with him," Williams said. "I have to tell him first, 'It's daddy' ... so he knows my voice, so when he comes out he already knows who to be scared of, who runs this."

"I don't want to scare him too much. I don't want him to stay in there too long."

Of course, Williams is flashing a wide smile as he talks about his family, and his charismatic personality on and off the court.

Backup point guard Earl Watson already likes it.

"I think he brings a swagger to our team," Watson said. "He's definitely a great outside shooter and plays with a ton of confidence. He plays the game with a lot of fire. He's somebody I can feed off just watching him. It's going to be fun."

Mallinger leads Frys.com Open



SAN MARTIN, Calif. (AP)—John Mallinger remained in position for his first PGA Tour victory, shooting a 1-under 70 on Saturday in the Frys.com Open to take a two-stroke lead into the final round.

The 33-year-old Mallinger had a 15-under 198 total at CordeValle after opening with a 66 and matching the course record with a 62 on Friday.

"I just didn't have it all. I didn't drive it as well as I did yesterday," Mallinger said. "I think I hit every fairway yesterday, and then today I just got off to a weird start. But I hung around there and made some birdies on the back nine that got

me back into position. Still got lead, still got a good spot, and look forward to tomorrow."

He has finished second twice in his seven-year career on the tour, losing in a playoff to Bo Van Pelt in Milwaukee in 2009. Mallinger had the third-round lead for the second time in his career. He shared the lead at the 2009 Byron Nelson Championship and ended up tying for sixth.

"I'm going to still stay aggressive and try to make as many birdies as possible," Mallinger said. "It's going to be a birdie day. I mean, it's supposed to be nice tomorrow."

Sweden's Jonas Blixt was second after a 66. He birdied five of the last eight holes.

"The front nine is a little

harder," said Blixt, coming off a third-place finish last week in Las Vegas. "The back nine you can make a couple birdies. Hopefully, I can finish like I did today."

He had a simple game plan for Sunday.

"Make birdies," Blixt said.

Charles Howell III and Jason Kokrak were 12 under. Howell had a 66, and Kokrak shot 67.

"It'll be a shootout tomorrow," Howell said. "The greens are so soft and there will be a lot of birdies, but at least I have a chance."

He won the last of two tour titles in 2007.

Kokrak is in his first year on the tour after winning twice late last year on the Web.com Tour.

High-Five leads winners in Masters caging

By **WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND**
walter_sutherland@saipantribune.com
REPORTER



Hi-Five, Konflikt, and Ask12B1 bagged wins in their respective games in the 2012 Masters Basketball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands Recreational Basketball League over the weekend at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Hi-Five routed IT&E in the first 35A pairing, 88-66, while Konflikt defeated QQ Rent A Car in the second game last Friday, 92-81. In yesterday's curtain raiser and 40A match, Ask12B1 downed 8 Division, 78-62.

High-Five burned up the net in Friday's first match and buried a whopping 13 three-pointers in the blowout victory.

Three of the treys came in the first quarter, giving Hi-Five a 21-17 advantage. Another trio from long range made it a 41-29 lead at halftime. IT&E fell behind by 11, as it was limited to just 12 points in the second period.

Hi-Five continued to wax hot from downtown after the intermission, as it sunk six triples



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Hi-Five's Roy Matagolai goes up strong to the basket for a transition layup against IT&E during their 35A game in the Masters caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

for a 71-48 lead. Ed Pangelinan and Haejun Park each lofted in a pair from behind the arch in the big push.

IT&E was way behind by the start of the final 10 minutes and Hi-Five rang in three more bombs anyways for good measure.

Pangelinan connected on five treys and scored 29 points, while Jose Tudela scrambled for 27 for IT&E.

In the second game, Konflikt and QQ were locked at

19-all after the opening canto before the former managed a slight edge at halftime, 45-41, thanks largely to the 11 points of Jun Alipio.

Konflikt then connected with a couple of three-pointers early in the third quarter and drew an eight-point tear from Sam Fernandez, who finished that frame with 11 for their promising 73-58 lead, heading into the final period.

QQ did not go quietly late

in the game, however it could not find a way to stop Alipio, who added 8 more points in the fourth quarter to secure the win for Konflikt. Alipio finished with a game-high 21 points and his five other teammates scored in double figures, too. Jorge De Guzman also had 21 markers, but he drew help only from Jun Abedes and Marlon Sison, who teamed up for 33.

In yesterday's opening match, Ask12B1's Bernard Montano managed a couple of baskets just after the early tip, but 8 Division was on top after the opening frame, 17-13.

Martin Moreno swooped in to assist Montano in the second quarter and the former's 9 points put Ask12B1 in the driver's seat at halftime, 32-29.

Then in the third period, Jun Aque and James Abuy teamed up for a baker's dozen to up Ask12B1's lead, 57-43, en route to the easy win.

Montano had a team-high 21 points, while Moreno contributed 18. Norman Olpindo carried 8 Division with his 26 markers.

Meanwhile, more teams are still joining the competition and

league organizers are currently working to pin down the official game schedule, per division. Coordinators are trying to revise a schedule that offers weekly evening matches on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

First Game

Hi-Five 88 – Pangelinan 29, Acosta 12, Park 14, Matagolai 12, Wesley 10, Aaron 9, Babaut 2, Basila 2.

IT&E 66 – Diaz 27, Mendoza 16, Tudela 9, Lizama 8, F. Palacios 4, Camacho 2, G Palacios 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-17, 41-29, 71-48, 88-66.

Second Game

Konflikt 91 – Alipio 21, Fer-

andez 17, Esdrelon 15, Santos 15, Trajano 10, Guiab 10, Alvarez 4, Tabora 2.

QQ Rent A Car 81 – De Guzman 21, Abedes 17, Sison 16, Pantaleon 9, Montes 8, Deocares 4, Gomez 2, Yanto 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-19, 45-41, 73-58, 92-81.

SUNDAY

Ask 12B1 78 – B. Montano 21, Martin M 18, Abuy 17, Aque 8, Flaminiano 6, Alciso 4, Malasarte 4, Poquiz 2.

8 Division 62 – Olpindo 26, Alano 8, Mateo 8, Bello 6, Tolentino 4, Del Rosario 3, Bugay 2, Sevilla 2, Saplan 1.

Scoring By quarters: 13-17, 29-32, 57-43, 78-62.

MAMIKO

From Page 24

middle of the pack (36th) in the 67-runner field in the men's 50 to 59 division.

Japan's Masashi Shirotake was the overall finisher of the weekend race with a blistering time of 1:11:26, while Guam's Amy Atkinson ruled the women's field, crossing the finish line at 1:28:05.

Yesterday's morning race brought more than 1,000 runners to the four villages in Guam: Tu-

mon, Tamuning, Hagatna, and Asan. According to Ko'Ko's website, the course started and ended at the Gov. Joseph Flores Memorial Park at Ypao Beach in Tumon with runners going for hill climb and rolling slopes for the first two kilometers. The succeeding kilometers were flat with runners passing through, Tamuning, Marine Corps Drive, and Hagatna before making a turn back to the course in Asan. Then in the last few kilometers, finishers were greeted by a couple of hill climbs and a downhill slope.

LADY

From Page 24

fourth quarter to complete their demolition of Kagman.

Abrams was untouchable around the basket throughout the game and tallied a game-high 19 points, while Castillo and Williams combined for 23. Although Ada had a rough day at the office, she still led Kagman with 14 points.

Meanwhile, MHS also dominated the junior varsity matchup, 41-11, to join Saipan

Southern High School in the win column. Kagman fell to a 0-2 record

The Junior Lady Dolphins whipped up a three-possession favor, 15-6, in the first quarter, off the 9 points of Friendly Pena and Diane Pablo. MHS then bring the defense and held its opponents to just one basket in the second period, while Pena hung up an 8-point string on the other end to move the Lady Dolphins further ahead at intermission, 25-8.

MHS continued to play tough defense after the break and shut

out the Lady Ayuyus in the third frame, while the Lady Dolphins' bench chucked on another 10 points to coast to the win.

Pena finished with 13 points, while Pablo chipped in 8. Melody Wasisang came away with 6 markers for Kagman.

The season continues today at 4:30pm with the MCS Lady Knights facing the Lady Manta Rays (1-0) in the varsity division.

Junior Varsity

MHS 41 – Pena 13, Pablo 8, Farro 6, Lopez 4, Santiago 4, Abadilla 2, Abantao 2, Race 2.

ESTOLAS

From Page 24

C. Ada Gymnasium.

With the win, Mobil kept the No. 2 spot in the nine-team field with its 6-1 record, while Hi-Five absorbed back-to-back losses after winning four straight games and fell to a 4-3 card.

Estolas' buzzer-beater was only his second field goal of the night. The Mobil gunner was alternately hounded by the pesky defense of Jesus Iguel and Dan Barcinas, who held the former scoreless in the first half before giving up one field goal early in the fourth quarter.

Despite Estolas' lackluster performance, Mobil coach Marvin Deocares still went to his go-to-guy down the home-stretch. Deocares sued for time after Barcinas' trey tied the match. 88-all, and instructed his players to give the ball

to Estolas and provide screens. The Mobil guard then received the inbound pass, drove to the right baseline with Banjo Basila blocking off Iguel first before Gyles Ruluked gave up another screen to free Estolas for the 5-footer dagger right at the buzzer.

With Estolas struggling, Marvin Rabauliman took the cudgels for Mobil early on and his 10 points power his team to a 29-17 advantage. Hi-Five then regrouped in the second period and Barcinas finished the half with five straight points to grab the lead, 45-43.

The game remained close in the third before Mobil managed to gain some breathing space, as Hi-Five sat out its starters in the closing minutes. Mobil went on to take a 66-59 advantage at the end of the fourth, but Hi-Five wiped out the lead with its three-point shooting. Hi-Five made four triples in the final canto, including Barcinas' equalizer,

but collapsed on defense in the end, allowing Estolas to steal the win.

Archers 70, Armatech 62

In the first game, the Archers (3-4) recorded their third win in a row after beating Armatech (1-6).

The Archers held Armatech to 6 points in the third quarter and hung tough in the fourth to extend their winning streak.

Armatech faced a manageable deficit at halftime, 30-42, but fell on a deeper hole in the third canto when it scored only three field goals and none of its players made more than 2 points. The Archers were also a bit off in the third, but their 11 points were enough to pad their lead, 53-42, with only one quarter left.

Rodney Sacramento and Elmer Esdrelon tried to anchor an Armatech rally in fourth, but fell short, as Ivan Devero, JR

Barrios, and Kae Bernardo delivered timely baskets to keep the Archers in the driver's seat.

Devero top-scored for the Archers with his 30 points, while Bernardo and Barrios chipped in 15 apiece.

First Game

Archers 70 – Devero 30, Bernardo 15, Barrios 15, Flores 4, Musni 2, David 2.

Armatech 62 – Sarmiento 20, Je. Ano 10, Esdrelon 10, Ja. Ano 8, Joyner 6, Trajano 6.

Scoring by quarters: 20-16, 42-30, 53-36, 70-62.

Second Game

Mobil 90 – Rabauliman 25, Ruluked 16, Tumaquip 12, Basila 10, Gamboa 8, Peredo 7, Camacho 4, Estolas 4, Fernando 4.

Hi-Five 88 – Barcinas 25, Rasa 22, Standish 17, Villacrusis 9, Iguel 6, Mendiola 4, Acosta 3.

Scoring by quarters: 29-17, 43-45, 66-59, 90-88.

2010 had also represented the Commonwealth in the FISU Forum in Vigo, Spain.

Athletes who will be selected will get free airfare and accommodations in Kazan. White added that accommodations in Kazan is nice, as athletes will be housed in residential neighborhood built in time for the competition. According to the event's website, the Universiade Village will accommodate about 12,000 athletes and after the tournament, it will be the largest and most modern student campus for Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University and Volga Region State Academy of Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism.

Competitions and training sessions will be held in 64 sports venues—with 30 of them constructed specifically for next year's event. The Universiade's main hub will be the Dinamo Stadium, which has sports facilities for football, rugby, volleyball, basketball, tennis, boxing, hand-to-hand combat, kickboxing, judo, aikido, track oval, fitness hall, and a gym.

The 27th Summer Universiade is sanctioned by the Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire (International University Sports Federation) or FISU, which has 163 members around the world, including the CNMI. The Universiade is held every two years and drew its biggest participants in Shenzhen, China, last year with 10,622.



PAGE 21

Saipan Tribune Sports



PAGE 22

24 MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012

SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Mamiko breaks record in Guam Ko'Ko



By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Mamiko Oshima-Berger returned to the Guam Ko'ko' Road Race and had a record run in yesterday's half marathon event.



Oshima-Berger, who missed the 2010 and 2011 editions of the 21.0975-kilometer race, clocked in at 1:34:00, crushing the 1:38:38 she recorded during her debut in the annual run in 2009.

Besides eclipsing her time, the Saipan long distance runner also finished second out of 74 entries in the women's 40 to 49 age group, behind by only 36 seconds against Japan's Futaba Aoki (133:24). Oshima-Berger, who ruled the sub-master division of the same event in 2009, was also ranked sixth out of 351 female finishers and No. 36th overall out of 854 finishers.

Also completing the Sunday race were Mamiko's husband, Joshua, and Ketson "Jack" Kabiri. Kabiri submitted 1:42:04 to place at No. 15 (out of 133) in the men's 30 to 39 age group, was 54th in the men's race (out of 503), and 69th overall. Joshua came in at the 2:11:54 mark and was at the

See MAMIKO on Page 23

Mamiko Oshima-Berger, seen here cutting the tape at the finish line of the 2012 Saipan Marathon, competed in yesterday's Guam Ko'Ko Road Race.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Estolas' buzzer-beater lifts Mobil vs Hi-Five

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER



Hi-Five put on a tight leash on Mobil's Jun Estolas almost all night only to let him loose and can the game-winning basket in the last

nine seconds of the game.

Estolas' right baseline jumper lifted Mobil to a 90-88 victory over Hi-Five in the second game in the 2012 Emon Lodge 179 Basketball League-Docomo Brotherhood Cup last Thursday night at the Gilbert

See ESTOLAS on Page 23



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Mobil's Marvin Rabauliman, right, goes up for a jump-hook against Hi-Five's Alex Standish during the fourth quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Lady Dolphins devour Lady Ayuyus

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
walter_sutherland@saipantribune.com
REPORTER



The Marianas High School Lady Dolphins ransacked the Lady Ayuyus of Kagman High School, 74-25, during the varsity game in the 2012-2013 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Basketball League last Friday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The defending champions could not wait to finally get on the court after getting a win via forfeiture against the Mount Carmel School Lady Knights (1-1) during the opening day and the Lady Dolphins did not disappoint in their first floor appearance, sending a stiff message to their competitors with the rousing win. The Lady Ayuyus remain winless after three tries.



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

The MHS Lady Dolphins' Glorily Williams back tracks in the backcourt to avoid a wall of KHS Lady Ayuyus defenders during their varsity game in the MISO caging last Friday at the Marianas High School MHS Gymnasium.

The Lady Dolphins attacked the Ayuyus early to hammer a sturdy 25-3 lead. Speedy point guard Jeraldine Castillo led MHS' strong start, scoring 11 points, and also fed center Rachel Abrams, who added 8 points.

Anna Ada tried to get things going for Kagman in the second quarter, but the Lady Dolphins' teeth were watering from the get-go and pulled away at halftime, 43-11. Glorily Williams, Lahaina Gatchalian, and Charlene Lizardo teamed up in MHS' second wave.

Then in the second half, Kagman's chances for a big comeback remained a long shot, as Ada was held to two baskets, while MHS had a swift ball movement both in transition and at the halfcourt set to facilitate a wide open 61-19 separation, going into the final canto.

The Lady Dolphins went on to get a basket out of every player on their roster in the

See LADY on Page 23

NMASA sets Dec. deadline for Universiade stint

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com
REPORTER



Local sports associations have until December to submit a letter of intent for the 27th Summer Universiade.

Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Michael White during the group's monthly meeting last Thursday said that NMASA members should turn in the letter and the names of the nominated athletes during the December meeting (usually first

See NMASA on Page 23



WWW.FISU.COM

The Universiade Village will be home to about 12,000 athletes and officials who will participate in the 27th Summer Universiade in Kazan, Russia, next year.